

Sheriff Warns Carmel Parents of Drug Use

Reduced Fees, More Payees Seen for Road

By Stan Hall

A new proposal for lifting the Carmel Valley Road traffic trigger was presented to the Board of Supervisors Tuesday that would lower improvement fees by expanding the area that would pay for them and making less expensive fixes on the road.

The latest plan would cut in half construction fees that would be charged on newly created lots of record to help pay for road improvements, from \$27,000 per new single-family home to \$13,500. Existing lots of record would pay \$5,000 for a single-family home under the new proposal.

Saying the new plan took into account comments from the supervisors as well as citizen reaction to an earlier staff proposal,

See page 6 for a companion story on a delay in funding a proposed traffic light at Highway 1 and Carmel Valley Road. See page 9 for a story on the role the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association will play in finding solutions to Carmel Valley Road traffic.

Director Gerald Gromko of the Public Works Department suggested that fees be charged in a broad area outside the Carmel Valley Master Plan boundaries.

The district he proposed would reach to the ridgeline on the north side of Carmel Valley to the Upper Valley and even Tassajara Hot Springs on the east and take in Rancho San Carlos on the south.

He said the expanded district follows the "natural drainage basin" in the Valley and includes "areas tributary to Carmel Valley Road, trafficwise."

As for the new set of road improvements, Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman sought assurance from Gromko that they are "the rock bottom essential to lift the trigger." Gromko said he thought they were.

A trigger mechanism built into the Carmel Valley Master Plan was tripped late

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GIVING THANKS TO A MAN who wants to give his land back to the Indians Sunday were Ohlones Tony Miranda and Rosemary Cambra. Dr. Ed Stachowiak said he would change his will and bequeath to the Ohlones his house and half-acre lot at Yankee Point south of Carmel. He has named his house "Ohlone Place." See story on page 7.

Sun photo by Isabelle Hall

Council Approves Water Pipelines Through Carmel

A year after the work was stopped at the Carmel Gate to Pebble Beach, Cal-Am Water Co. got approval from the City Council Monday to lay replacement water pipes through Carmel in conjunction with a sewer line project.

But the city gave Cal-Am and the Carmel Area Wastewater District a construction window between April 15 and May 30 before the tourist season starts, and Cal-Am may not be able to meet the deadline. It still must get a permit from the Coastal Commission to lay the new 30-inch pipe from Carmel Gate, along San Antonio and up Ocean Avenue to Mountainview.

Mike Zambory, general manager of the district, told the *Sun* the sewer line replacement already had been delayed along with the Cal-Am project since last fall and,

"If the city demands we work together, we'll have a problem. The whole world doesn't rest on Ocean Avenue merchants."

Confusing the issue was the Wastewater District's \$15 to \$20 million project to provide reclaimed water for Pebble Beach golf course irrigation. This also won approval at the special meeting Monday but has nothing to do with the other two projects, Zambory explained.

"It's an extraordinary thing in my opinion," Zambory said. "We've never had a city ask for a use permit for this kind of work. It's unique to me."

The reclaimed water project has been years in the process and involves construction of a tertiary treatment plant behind Mission Ranch that would process the waste water, then send it seven miles to a

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By Carolyn Rice

Amidst unconfirmed reports that some students may be informing on others, Sheriff Norm Hicks has written the parents of 35 Carmel high school pupils telling them that their children have used controlled substances in the past year.

"This may be limited to marijuana or it could be marijuana and other substances as well," the highly unusual letter said. It indicated the students' use of illegal substances could be limited to one occasion or might have taken place over a period of time.

"This information is not in the form of an accusation," the Feb. 11 letter said. "If it were more than information, someone from our office would be contacting you in a more formal manner."

The letter went to parents of students at both Carmel High and Carmel Valley High, an alternative school, but no breakdown was available on how many students at each school were named.

"Quite frankly, the information we have received from interviews of local children and teenagers from both the middle and high schools indicated a higher use by these children and teenagers than you probably suspect," Hicks' letter went on to say.

"It was also reported that the illegal use of alcohol by students is still quite high," said Hicks, adding that he was not saying that the use of illegal substances occurred on school grounds.

Bill Cassera, spokesman for the Sheriff's Department, said the letter was written following an investigation into an incident in which a Carmel High School student was picked up on campus and found to have 25 tabs of LSD in his possession in November. A Monterey man was arrested in that case, and the 15-year-old boy was expelled by the school board.

Some students have charged other students are acting as informants, telling authorities who may be using these substances, but there was no confirmation of the reports.

For his part, Cassera would neither confirm nor deny that investigators were using student informants. On the Carmel High School campus, however, some students openly talked about their use, calling the informants "narcs." One story making

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Interviews Generate Controversy

White Differs with Politicos on Some Issues

By Isabelle Hall

Councilman Ken White, who is running for mayor in the April 14 election, differed on several issues Tuesday during a controversial candidates' interview by the newly-formed Carmel Citizens for Good Government (CCGG).

The interview process itself generated more heat than the answers of five candidates when Barbara Livingston, a candidate for City Council and member of the Carmel Residents Association (CRA), protested the process and refused to appear.

Chairman Bob D'Isidoro's initial response to Livingston did not sit well with fellow CCGG members Howard Nieman and Alan Williams. They subsequently wrote a two-page letter to Livingston in behalf of the group, signed by D'Isidoro, that she said failed to get delivered to her although it was handed out to all the other candidates.

This caused more trouble when Council candidate John Thompson jumped into the fray, angry that he

wasn't allowed to expand beyond the list of 26 questions which he charged did not address what he considered "the real issues." (See related stories on page 11.)

D'Isidoro, an attorney, led White, his opponent, Barney Laiolo, and council candidates Thompson, Don Kremer and Phil Coniglio separately through the list of questions. The only others present were reporters from the *Weekly Sun* and *Pine Cone*. The whole process took about four hours in a small meeting room atop the Eastwood Building.

Asked what would be done with the answers, D'Isidoro said he wasn't sure exactly how the tape-recorded information would be disseminated, but the group definitely would not use the information to endorse any of the candidates.

Williams said that once the answers can be put into a matrix, they would be printed in the form of ads in various newspapers. He said transcripts also would be available because, "We just want the public to know

where these people stand on issues we think are important."

Among Livingston's complaints was the fact that four members of the CCGG board had signed other candidates' nomination papers. The letter she had not received by Tuesday afternoon said signing nomination papers "doesn't constitute endorsement."

White has made remodeling of Sunset Center a major plank in his platform and said, in response to one question, that he thought the first budget priority for the city was remodeling of the theater building. Other priorities were a program of regular, annual street maintenance and development of Rio Park into a family-style recreation facility.

He favored mini-parks and, not surprisingly as he had voted for it, approved of the city helping finance a lawsuit to stop the Hatton Canyon Freeway.

White's opponent, Barney Laiolo, listed as budget prior-

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LETTERS

Praise for Carmel Valley Library

This letter is in praise of our Carmel Valley Library. I just have to share my gratitude that it's there.

The charming ladies who preside there can, I swear, get you just about any book ever printed. You just hand Gail, or Sallie, or Sandy, or Gil a request card, and lickety split, there it is, often from a college library at the far end of the state. I must confess many books I have wanted have hardly even been heard of, but they do get them—indeed, they do.

I've had some dillies lately. Jim Marrs' *Crossfire*, one of the two books Oliver Stone based his film, *JFK*, on. It's a big, fat book, thoroughly documented—very convincing. And I really got the top of my head taken off by *Best Evidence* by David Lifton—a really big book, the result of 15 years of research, the moment by moment account of what happened to the body of John Kennedy, from the shooting in Dealey Plaza to the burial in Arlington Cemetery. The story will give you nightmares, I guarantee, and I'm afraid it's true.

But my point is that our library is a treasure. From Barbara Cartland novels to JFK horrors, the charming ladies will get it for you. It's our cultural Safeway.

Araby Colton
Carmel Valley

Sharon Doth Protest Too Much

Sharon Lawrence. Sharon Lawrence.
"The lady doth protest too much, methinks."

Mrs. Harriet Shanner
Carmel

Don't Denigrate Hatton Canyon

I can sympathize with those residents of the Mesa who adamantly oppose widening Highway 1. It is in their perceived self-interest to favor a freeway through Hatton Canyon and a diminishment of traffic on Highway 1. I don't believe, though, that the destruction of a key watershed and wildlife habitat is in anyone's self-interest in actuality, nor that an LA style freeway is in the Monterey Peninsula's self-interest in any way.

However, when freeway proponents such as Mr. Thies (*Sun*, March 5) use specious arguments which describe the canyon as a "man-made wetlands," they only show their ignorance and their insensitivity to nature which gives them life. Even basic knowledge of our peninsula's natural history and of the laws of nature would prevent them from making such reckless claims.

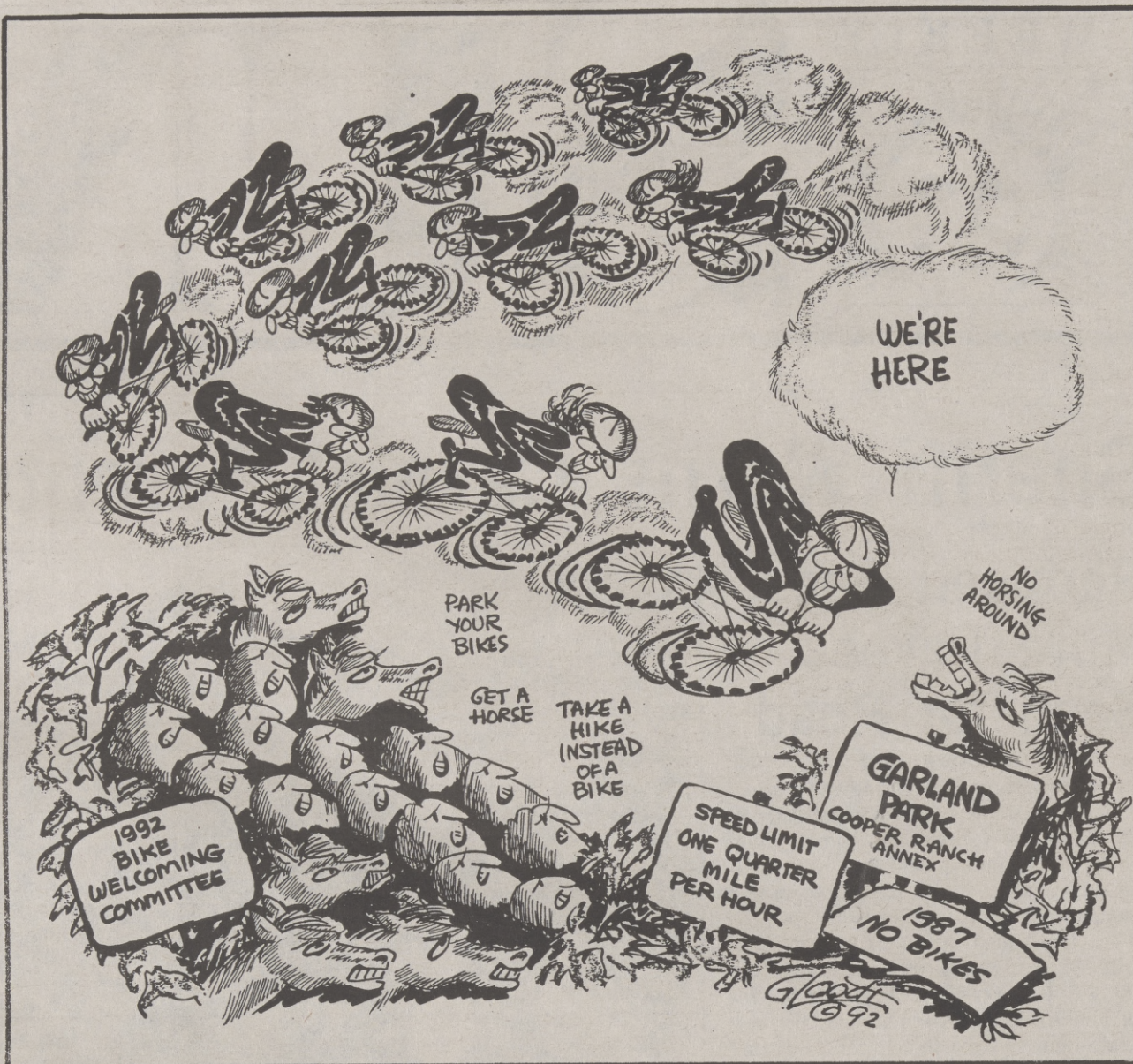
Hatton Canyon is a natural watershed. The native Monterey pine forest above drains into a system of ravines and springs which drains into the main body of the canyon, creating a wetland. The signature of such a wetland is riparian vegetation—horsetail, willows, cottonwoods, dogwoods, wild currant, sedges, cress, rushes, etc. Hatton Canyon is abundantly endowed with such vegetation, long established through the evolving laws of nature. It is a haven for 65 species of birds and numerous other wildlife, including bobcat, fox and mountain lion.

The problem of man-made pollution affecting natural systems is certainly an important issue we need to face everywhere, but to denigrate a highly evolved and complex ecosystem because we have polluted it with septic seepage is just irresponsible. Let's heal it.

As far as self-interest is concerned, just as many people living on the rim of the canyon would be negatively impacted by the freeway in their backyards. And who speaks for the most vulnerable of all the inhabitants to be affected—the trees and animals and plants. They have nowhere to move to.

Why don't we humans make some sacrifices for a change?

Linda Smith
Carmel



Parks Not for Children?

To stem the tide of heavy breathers calling me up at odd hours, would you mind printing a correction to the *Sun* article (March 5) about the Monarch Youth Soccer League (MYSL) campaign for multi-use sports fields at Carmelo School?

We are developing a playing area for children, a novel concept in the Valley of late. Your article had me saying that Garland Park was specifically designed to keep children out. I referred to the Carmel Valley Community Park, not Garland. Board members of the Community Park District told us early on that the park was for adults, and that there would not even be a flat area available for organized games.

Garland Park is theoretically designed for children, but, of course, children without bicycles. The well known lethal threat to horses of kids on bikes has been discussed at length in your paper. I am continually surprised that the regional park district does not also ban sudden movements, bright clothing, flashy jewelry and Spandex along with bicycles. Perhaps hikers could be asked to dress as carrots or sugar cubes to further mollify our equestrian friends?

The MYSL sees the Carmelo fields as a place for everyone—joggers, soccer, frisbee, baseball, picnics—whatever activity goes well with a level, grassy surface. Perhaps even Bud Carlson's dogs might be welcome.

Michael Jones
Carmel Valley

Since Jones wrote his letter, the Planning Commission has approved bicycles using the Cooper Ranch addition to Garland park and sharing a trail along the river to the Little League field with horses and hikers.—The Ed.

Livingstone Has Voter's Trust

This is the election year that requires a Carmel Council candidate who knows the demands of both resident and business and the importance of fairness and honesty in service to both. No one but Barbara Livingstone can better fill these requirements. She has our total trust.

N. W. Chandler
Carmel

Claims Kremer Is a Developer

I don't understand why City Council candidate Donald Kremer is afraid to tell the citizens of Carmel exactly who he is. His ballot statement says nothing about the fact that he and his wife are developers, and from what I hear, he didn't reveal this information to people at his kick-off party, either. "Interior design" doesn't quite cover what they do.

During the three years since moving to Carmel, the Kremers have bought three houses. One was remodeled and sold. Another is slated for remodeling and rented. The third Carmel charmer they purchased was demolished and replaced by a now nearly complete large house that looks as if it covers the entire lot.

I have nothing against remodelers, developers or designers. I just don't understand a candidate who is not willing to tell the voters exactly what his activities are.

Dana Maddox
Carmel

Clint Can Help Good Overtake Evil

Mr. Clint Eastwood was there in person for the showing of *Bronco Billy* at Sunset Center Thursday night. The movie was as corny as Kansas in August, but fun and entertaining.

We travel abroad frequently. Often people ask us if Clint is still the mayor when they hear that we are from Carmel. I felt embarrassed right after *The Rookie* was shown. I didn't think it was a good movie, with all the raw sex and too much violence. I wanted to be proud of our ex-mayor.

Nowadays, our young people don't have good role models, and even our older people need to see inspirational stories that can also be good entertainment. My husband's favorite is *The Pale Rider*. He has the video and has seen it at least 10 times. I don't like it when he has our 10-year-old and the 6-year-old grandsons watch it with him to see our hero shoot the whole gang dead.

Mr. Eastwood certainly has all the means to make some great family movies that some day his own grandchildren can enjoy. Our society will benefit from them, too. Lead on, Clint, let's show the world that good can overtake the evil.

Thank you very much. We are lucky to be living in Carmel.

Luciana Young
Carmel

Clips Articles about His Family

Please continue sending my copy of the *Sun* to San Luis Obispo. I thoroughly enjoy reading it. I also am able to clip articles about my family. These items I keep in my scrap book. My grandfather was a Victorine, which you recently had an article on.

Thank you for an interesting paper.

Henry J. Hitchcock
San Luis Obispo

Disappointed at Mapstead Coverage

I have always looked forward to your intelligent coverage of local news and issues. Thus, I was surprised and disappointed to see your article (March 5) of the recent Sierra Club, Ventana chapter's election, which lacked good timing and good taste.

It is certainly newsworthy to report election results and even moreso to cover a successful write-in campaign. Indeed, when a write-in candidate wins, one would expect coverage of the winner's special qualifications, experience and platform. Instead, the *Sun* solicited and published vague forecasts of difficulties, all but one of which were anonymous. The article's quoted opinions sounded like the grumblings of sore losers.

I believe that Noel Mapstead, the successful petition candidate for executive committee, is owed an apology for biased reporting, and that, as winner of an election involving a membership of 6,000 people, he deserves a lead article covering the reasons why he won.

In the meantime, I would like to remind the members of the Ventana Chapter that the election is over. In the interest of the democratic process, it is important to give all of the new executive committee officers a fair chance to do the good jobs they intend to do.

Suellin S. Rubin, Ph. D.
Carmel



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Highlands Water Company Acts

Local Building Moratorium Lifted Soon

Owner-members of the Carmel Riviera Mutual Water Co. heard Saturday that a three-and-a-half year building moratorium in the company's service area south of Carmel should be lifted soon.

However, the downside of that good news for those seeking to build in the area was that the company must raise its rates and impose a monthly surcharge to meet recent extraordinary expenses.

Chairman Arthur Hull said those expenses resulted from the company's efforts to upgrade its system to get the moratorium lifted, from costs incurred in attempting to "perfect" its right to take water out of Mal Paso Creek and from meeting an increasing array of new state and federal regulations.

"Regulations and plans most of us have never even thought of have had to be written and submitted to both the state and the county," Hull told the annual meeting of owner-members at the Carmel Highlands fire station. About 30 people attended.

The water company, which serves some 135 homes in the Highlands, Mal Paso and Yankee Point neighborhoods, has hired MCSI of Carmel Valley to serve as administrator for the company. MCSI also will serve as system operator—a new state requirement—until field manager Steve Bean can earn his license to take over that responsibility, Hull said.

Because of increased demands for funds, Hull said the board had voted to raise the basic meter charge to \$46 bi-monthly from \$35. He noted the new basic rate is exactly the same as what Cal-Am and the Carmel Valley Mutual Water Co. charges.

In addition, the water company will raise the water usage fee by 4 percent and impose a \$14 bi-monthly special assessment beginning April 1 and lasting for two-years, the term of a loan the company is taking out with Wells Fargo Bank.

Members were told that the assessment and increase in charges would raise revenue about \$22,350 a year. Hull handed out a proposed 1992 budget which projected \$77,000 in operating costs and \$89,000 for capital improvements and special projects.

Maybe Only Temporarily

CV Road Stoplight Put on Hold

A controversial stoplight planned for Highway 1 and Carmel Valley Road was put on hold Tuesday for at least two weeks—and possibly longer if other improvements to speed the flow of traffic cannot be made quickly.

Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman, acknowledging she received many calls questioning the stoplight, told the *Sun* she agreed to a delay in approving County funding for its share of the \$150,000 project partly out of respect for opposition to it. The County had agreed to pay \$30,000 and Caltrans \$120,000.

But she also said that unless other improvements are made in conjunction with the stop light—stacking, turning and acceleration lanes—the stoplight itself "may be counterproductive. It needs to be a total package."

The Board of Supervisors Tuesday agreed to postpone consideration of the funding until 10 a.m. April 7 after Supervisor Sam Karas raised questions about the light, asking why police could not direct traffic in the intersection to see how the signal would work.

Opponents of the Hatton Canyon Freeway have charged that the installation of the stoplight could be just a ploy to show improvements on Highway 1 won't work, and that the freeway should be built.

Karas, an opponent of the freeway, told the *Sun*: "The Hatton Canyon Freeway was the farthest thing from my mind when I suggested this."

Strasser Kauffman said, "I'm not interested in forcing anything on this community that it doesn't want. But if we can do the entire package of other improvements with the light, I think we

Hull said the water company's financial difficulties stemmed in part from its failure to collect past-due accounts—some \$8,000 in normal water usage fees and \$72,000 that remains unpaid from special assessments approved in 1988 and 1990.

"These funds are needed now," Hull said, "and a concerted collection effort utilizing all the powers granted to the directors by the by-laws will begin... with formal notification to those shareholders whose assessment payments are in arrears."

At the meeting, owner-members voted 54-6 with 7 abstentions to grant the board more power in its efforts to collect unpaid assessments, including shutting off water to homes and rescinding ownership in the water company as last resorts. Those who did not attend mailed in their ballots.

The amendments to the by-laws were approved with the proviso that the board would work out with concerned owner-members the exact procedural steps to be taken should those last resort actions ever be deemed necessary.

The moratorium was imposed in 1988 when the company ran short of water for emergency firefighting due to delays in finishing a project to provide 300,000 gallons of additional storage. It was imposed by Walter Wong, County environmental health director, and barred any new septic permits in the company's service area until it could show that it had enough water to serve existing homes even if additional lots were developed. There are about 25 vacant lots in the service area.

Hull said board members planned to meet Tuesday with Wong and anticipated they would be able to show that they had met his requirements for lifting the ban at that time.

Hull said several of the accounts that had not paid their assessments were for vacant lots. Liens have been placed on them, he added.

Russ Hatch of MCSI, which also operates Carmel Valley Mutual Water Co., expressed hope that the lifting of the building moratorium would cause several owner-members to pay their past-due assessments.

should give it a try and see how it works. If it works, it could give us five years of relief from this terrible congestion in the Carmel area."

She said that the Public Works Department had prepared a computer simulation of how the light would work when synchronized with existing lights at Rio Road, Ocean Avenue and Carmel Rancho Boulevard. It will be shown to the board in two weeks, Strasser Kauffman said.

"The only thing that is unacceptable to me is to continue to do nothing," Strasser Kauffman said. "We've done that now for 44 years. The people who have to use those roads have suffered enough."

Absentee Voting Open For Carmel Election

The absentee voting period for the Carmel general municipal election on April 14 opened Monday.

Voters wishing to vote by absentee ballot may request one by completing the application on the back of the sample ballot or by writing a letter to the election department.

A letter must include the voter's name, residence address, the address where the ballot is to be mailed and the voter's signature. The election department can not issue a ballot by a telephone request.

Requests for absentee ballots should be sent to the Election Department, P.O. Box 1848, Salinas, Ca. 93902. Requests must be received no later than April 7.

Overall, he said Carmel Riviera "has a strong balance sheet and the ability to do what needs to be done. You've just got a cash-flow problem for the time being."

Hatch, noting that Monterey County has some 1,100 small mutual water companies—the most in the state—said trying to comply with all the new regulations coming from the Environmental Protection Agency and the State Health Department "is threatening to bankrupt many of them."

Bill to Delay Water Company Fee Hike Sent to Gov. Wilson

A bill sponsored by Assemblyman Sam Farr, D-Carmel, to delay a scheduled increase in the regulatory fees that small water systems pay for required quality testing is awaiting Gov. Pete Wilson's signature.

The bill would delay for a year sharp increases in what the state Department of Health Services charges small mutual water companies for testing for bacteria and other impurities. Under a law which becomes effective in July, small mutual water companies could be charged more than \$2,500 a year for required testing.

"The work needs to be done, no question about it," said Farr in a statement. "I just think there are better ways than the one currently proposed by state bureaucrats."

Monterey County has some 1,100 small water companies—those having 200 or fewer customers—the most of any county in the state. Wilson has 30 days to sign Farr's bill or veto it.

He praised Wong for trying to "walk a balancing line" between meeting the stiff new requirements, protecting the health of the people who depend on the mutual companies and trying to control the higher compliance costs they face.

Annual Carmel Police Review Set for Friday

Carmel-By-The-Sea Police Department invites the public to its formal inspection, awards ceremony and open house on Friday at 9 a.m. on Junipero.

All 31 police officers and personnel will wear dress uniforms. The mayor, city administrator and chief of police will conduct the inspection at a review in front of the station.

Awards will be presented to officers and citizens who have assisted with investigation of cases, including recent bank robberies in Carmel.

Yet Another Poll Puzzles Carmel

The little city of Carmel is fast becoming the poll capital of America. Everyone wants to know what Carmelites think, it would seem.

Hot on the heels of a mysterious in-depth telephone poll conducted last week is an equally more mysterious poll—insofar as who is behind it—that barely drew notice in an advertisement in the *Pine Cone* last week.

The difference with this one is that if you want to register your opinion, pro or con, on the proposed changes in the Central Commercial zone, you must make the call and pay \$2 for the privilege.

The *Weekly Sun* made the call in an attempt to find out who was conducting the poll. The call is received by an answering machine which states that because you called that number your vote has been recorded as pro or con, depending on which number you called. There is no one to ask about the poll.

The newspaper notice carries the name of JL Enterprises, Carmel, CA. The company is not listed by the telephone company. No such firm has a business license with the City, officials said.

Meanwhile speculation continued on who ordered last week's telephone poll that had the city buzzing.

Mayor Jean Grace, one of the objects of a question in it, said she had heard nothing about the source.

Alan Williams, local representative for Clint Eastwood, who also is the subject of a question, said, "I've heard everything, even people suggesting it could be involved with the supervisory contest."

He said he thought the questions took "a shotgun approach" to the issues. They ranged from what people thought about state and local politicians, Eastwood, and even Pat Sippel, new head of the Voice of Carmel, a nonprofit group which has conducted several polls and presented the results to the City Council.

Governmentspeak —It's All Acronyms

A memo from Carmel Public Works Director Jim Cullem to City Administrator Doug Schmitz contained a classic example of how the rapid growth of government agencies has spawned a whole new language of acronyms.

It said in part:

"The surface Transportation Program (STP) will require an STP TAC to recommend expenditure of Federal Road Funds allocated to AMBAG...These funds replace the old Federal Aid Secondary (FAS) and Federal Aid Urban (FAU) funds. The STP TAC will operate independently from the MCTC TAC which is developing the CMP. We must remain involved to insure our fair share of these funds."

You betcha!

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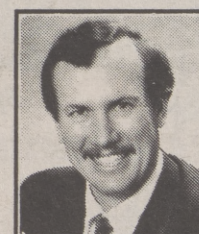
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SHERIFF'S LOG

CARMEL. A Carmel High student reported a pager was stolen from his knapsack during lunch. 3/9.

CARMEL. A man reported the theft of two Sony speakers from his car while it was parked at his Riverside Way home. 3/10.

CARMEL RANCHO. The manager at Albertsons reported two people in a red compact car stole a bundle of wood worth \$4.99 from in front of the store. 3/10.

Mountain Lion Reported

VILLAGE. A woman on Robles Del Rio reported seeing a mountain lion in her backyard. Deputies investigated, but were unable to locate the animal. 3/10.

VILLAGE. The owner of Valley Lodge said guests stole glasses, cups, a coffee pot, towels and blankets worth \$220 during the previous week. They also damaged draperies, the owner said. 3/11.

RIO ROAD. A man was arrested on charges of shoplifting a bottle of wine after an employee reported seeing him do it. 3/11.

CARMEL. A woman reported the theft of a planter from the front yard of her Isabella home during the previous two weeks. 3/12.

SOUTH COAST. Motorists from Lemon Grove, Calif., and Pacific Grove reported their vehicles were burglarized while parked alongside Highway 1 near Plaskett Creek. 3/12.

Motorcycles Protested

CACHAGUA. The manger of Jensen's Camp reported a continuing problem with juveniles riding motorcycles through the camp. 3/12.

SOUTH COAST. Three tourists from Germany said their car was burglarized while parked near Garrapata Creek; clothing was stolen. 3/12.

MID VALLEY. A Carmel woman complained that after an argument, her husband drove off and left her stranded at Mid Valley Shopping Center. He later returned to get her. 3/13.

Tack Stolen

VILLAGE. A woman reported the theft of more than \$9,000 worth of tack from her tack shed on Carmel Valley Road. 3/14.

CARMEL. Stopped at Highway 1 and Ocean Avenue for a traffic infraction, a Big Sur man was arrested and turned over to the CHP on charges of DUI. 3/14.

CACHAGUA. A woman reported a dispute with a neighbor at Jensen's Camp over a barking dog. 3/15.

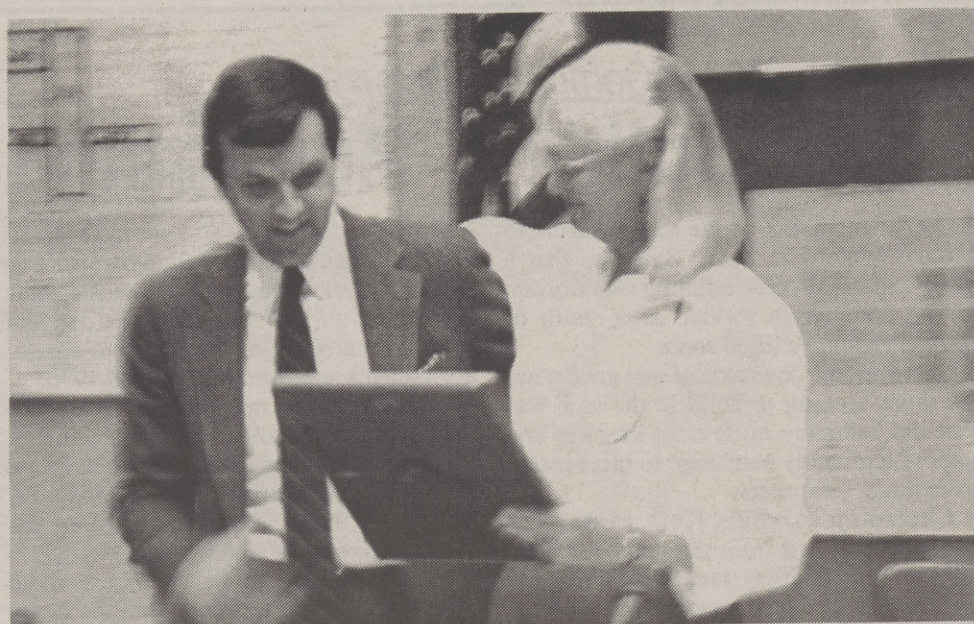
MID VALLEY. A man on Tierra Grande said someone poured paint on his car while it was parked in his driveway. 3/15.

SOUTH COAST. A Santa Cruz man reported the window was broken out of his car while parked near the Pine Ridge Trailhead off Highway 1. 3/15.

SOUTH COAST. A Carmel Valley woman reported her car was burglarized while parked near Molera State Park. 3/15.

SOUTH COAST. Men from San Jose and Pacific Grove said their cars were broken into while parked near Garrapata Beach. Both said items were stolen from the trunk. 3/15.

CARMEL. Deputies found a possum in the middle of Rio Vista road with a stick driven through its middle and the body set afire. They said the animal apparently had been killed when hit by a car and then discovered by youngsters who placed it in the road. 3/15.



CARMEL CITY ADMINISTRATOR Doug Schmitz was presented with a plaque by Mayor Jean Grace thanking him for 10 years of service at his last regular City Council session. Schmitz has taken a new position with the City of Lake Oswego, Ore. He will spend his last day with the City Friday. *Sun photo by Isabelle Hall*

Allaire Seeks Mystery Plane's Owner

Do you know anybody who has misplaced an airplane worth an estimated \$40,000?

If you do, Lou Allaire, volunteer manager of the Carmel Valley Airport, may know where it is.

After several weeks of trying unsuccessfully to find the owner of a single-engine Beech Debonair which has been parked at the little airport since Oct. 29, Allaire finally called sheriff's deputies.

When it landed, Allaire said the plane "almost clipped a house" on its straight-in approach. Since then, he said he has put notes on it a couple of times asking if the owner planned to leave the craft at Carmel Valley permanently.

Getting no answer, Allaire said he then turned to the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) headquarters in Oklahoma City. After a couple of "fruitless calls," Allaire, a local insurance man, said he finally learned that the plane had last been registered in 1985.

The son of a man who lives near the airport then took over the search and tracked the potential owner down to a New Mexico address, only to learn that the fellow in

question might or might not be the owner and might or might not be dodging bill collectors.

"I called the sheriff's office in desperation," said Allaire, noting that the plane is tied down too close to the runway to meet FAA requirements, being only 70 feet from the center of it.

Asked what the airplane was worth, Allaire said he had talked to a knowledgeable broker who estimated \$40,000. But he said it depended on how much electronic equipment was aboard and what kind of condition the craft is in.

"It still looks pretty good," he said. "Some of the paint needs touching up. But mechanically, I don't know. I don't know how many hours are on the engine, and I don't know when it had its last annual (inspection)."

He said one thought that came to mind was that the plane might have been involved in transporting drugs and had been abandoned.

If the owner can't be found, Allaire told the *Sun* he would like to impound the plane, sell it and use the money to fix up the runway.

Rescue Volunteers Seek Support

Saying it costs \$1,900 to outfit each member fully, a director of a volunteer Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team appealed for community financial support Friday.

Speaking to the monthly meeting of the Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee (CVVIC), Andy Briant said the 15 volunteers so far have bought their own climbing, medical, emergency and communications gear.

What they now need most is radios which will enable them to communicate with other County agencies, he said, so that rescue efforts can be fully coordinated.

Briant, a former executive at Pebble Beach, was introduced by CVVIC members Tom Ewen, also a member of the rescue team, and Roger Williams, new president of the Sheriff's Advisory Council.

"We need support from the community," said Briant. "The Sheriff's Department can't equip its own deputies, let alone the volunteers."

Holding aloft a sleek emergency radio he said cost \$795, Williams, a Valley businessman, echoed Briant's appeal for financial help. "I hope people will find a few spare bucks to help the volunteers out."

The Search and Rescue Team, formed three years ago, is one of two organizations providing volunteer help under the auspices of the 220-member Sheriff's Advisory Council. The other group is the 35-member Sheriff's Emergency Assistance Team, which provides such things as communications and traffic control support to regular deputies in emergencies.

The search and rescue volunteers work with a parallel group of 15 full-time deputies. The entire group is under the command of John Burke, a corporal in the Sheriff's Department.

Briant said his team had been exception-

ally busy in the past eight months, taking part in 15 rescues during that time, ranging from finding a woman who was seriously hurt in a fall in the Ventana Wilderness, to ocean rescues and the recovery of car wreck victims along the South Coast.

Members of the team are trained in repelling as well as emergency medical assistance, Briant said, and in one case had to scale down some 500-feet of cliff to reach an accident victim on Highway 1.

"I am excited and proud to be a member of the group," Briant said. "It's a good way to give something back to the community we live in."

Williams said the principal goal of the 220-member Sheriff's Advisory Council is to provide funds to buy needed equipment both for deputies and volunteers working through the Sheriff's Department. He recently succeeded Ed Haber, owner of Quail Lodge who was instrumental in forming the council eight years ago, as its president.

Presently, the council is putting its fund-raising efforts toward the purchase of a specialized command/communications vehicle, Williams said.

Briant said Sheriff Norm Hicks determines the priorities for equipment to be purchased through volunteer efforts, "and the volunteers have no problem with that."

Also serving as directors of the Search and Rescue Team are Doug Steiny, Mark Marquardt, Brian Gill and Tony Lombardo. In addition to serving as secretary of that group, Briant also is secretary of the Sheriff's Advisory Council.

Donations may be made out and sent to Sheriff's Advisory Council, Search and Rescue Team, c/o Tom Ewen, P. O. Box 223365, Carmel, 93922. Further information may be obtained by telephoning 624-1939 or 659-3019.

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Do Carmelites Really Like Being in the Dark?

By Isabelle Hall

When it comes right down to it, some people simply think Carmel should be in the dark. Even the City Land Use Code notes that the absence of lights contributes to the "forest-like" setting.

"I'm in favor of the dark," said Planning Commissioner Brian Congleton, the only architect on the commission, during a March 11 study session on proposed changes in Design Review guidelines. "I like it dark in Carmel. We're dealing with a major issue here. We don't have street lights."

The Land Use Code objective on lighting states: "The absence of street lights and exterior lighting within the R-1 Land Use District contributes to the 'forest-like' setting of the community."

"Exterior lighting should be designed in a manner which provides safe access to private property and protects the ambient levels of natural light within the residential district."

Commissioner Jim Miller said the only interpretation of "ambient" night lighting is moonlight or total darkness.

"We're not living in a campground in the middle of the Sierras. This is an urban area and safety is a consideration," he said. "I don't want to see so much code and regulation that people can't use their own property."

Commissioner Phil Coniglio, a candidate for City Council in the April 14 election, said, "I was held up at gunpoint twice because there are no lights where I live. My sister got raped in that neighborhood because there are no lights."

So angry at the city's regulations against lights that he used an expletive during the public session, (no members of the public were present, however), Coniglio, told how he had planted flowers and put tasteful low lights in the garden to help him see backing out of his driveway.

"I was told I can't have the lights because they're in the public right of way," he said. "I'm surprised that I can plant flowers in the public right of way and use my water to make them grow but I can't have lights. It really ----- me off."

Supervisor Drops Support for "Free Beaches"; Says Initiative Is Flawed

Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman pulled a resolution she proposed to the Board of Supervisors Tuesday in support of a proposed "free beaches" initiative after she said she discovered it could have exactly the opposite of its stated goal.

While the initiative, sponsored by the Redwood Coast Watershed Alliance, is well intentioned, Strasser Kauffman said legislative analysis showed that its imprecise language could "actually jack up fees—to exorbitant levels in some cases."

Strasser Kauffman had offered a resolution in support of the "Free the Beaches" initiative on the supervisors' consent calendar. But she told the *Sun* she pulled it from consideration after receiving analysis done by the joint houses of the legislature in Sacramento and the Coastal Commission.

She said she also had talked by telephone Tuesday morning to Don Murphy, new director of the California Parks and Recreation Department. The former head of the Big Sur parks region told her he was seeking alternatives to the legislature's directive to have parks and beaches pay more of their way through increased fees, she said.

She said she still supported the concept of keeping the beaches free of fees, arguing that "the public already has paid for them." She said the best course would be for the legislature to "live up to its obligations" and pass bills protecting free beaches.

Short of that, she said a more carefully drawn voter initiative might have to be placed on the ballot at a later date.

"Some uplighting is very tasteful," Miller said. "Are we really saying it is undesirable. Is that really what we want?"

"It's nice to come upon a nicely lighted home when you're walking at night," Chairman Carla Ramsey agreed. "The police say the greatest protection against prowlers is light."

"Can't we allow a little more discretion?" Miller asked.

"We have to consider the impact on the neighbors," Kennedy said.

The proposed guidelines which cover lighting, glass walls and windscreens, neighborhood compatibility, scale, second story decks, chimneys and colors will be the subject of hearings before both the commission and the City Council in coming months.

Also at issue is the definition of "substantial" as it applies to alterations. At present design review is required by the Planning Department for "substantial alterations" but there is no definition of what constitutes "substantial."

The staff recommendation is for the guidelines to generally encourage alterations "to be consistent with the existing character of the structure, except when the character of the building has no architectural or design characteristics." What happens then isn't spelled out.

Concerned about how its directions were being carried out, the Planning Commission last Oct. 30 conducted a tour of single family residences it had approved. Some of the commissioners were shocked at what they had wrought, knowingly or otherwise.

One house on Junipero had been painted a bright orange that made it stand out from all its neighbors, another house loomed over its site, yet another had virtually covered the entire site with a basement, and another was "just plain ugly."

At the time Planning Director Diane White explained it was the first time the commissioners had ever gone out to take a look at what actually was built from plans they had approved. The results were surprising and sometimes shocking and led to the decision to address the list of design issues in the guidelines and code.



MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION were surprised to see the bright color on a house they had approved during a tour last fall.

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Subordinate Units Get Mixed Reaction; What is a Hardship?

Harriet Ferguson, a recently widowed sculptor and potter, asked the Planning Commission March 11 for a use permit to make her studio into a subordinate unit so she can live in it and rent her house. It was the first request of its kind since the City Council passed an ordinance banning all new such units except in cases of hardship.

William A. Karges, Jr. made the same request for a new subordinate unit. He wants to let his son and his wife and baby live there because he said his son only earns about \$1,000 a month as a waiter and cannot support his family and live in Carmel without his father providing living accommodations for him.

Both requests were made on the grounds of hardship. Ferguson's was the first such request since the Council passed an ordinance requiring the registration of all subordinate units and a ban on any new ones except for hardship. But, the Council did not define hardship.

A subordinate unit is a separate living unit on a property which may be used as living quarters only if the property owner occupies either it or the main residence. It must meet city standards for a kitchen, bathroom and heating.

Ferguson frankly admitted she did not have a financial hardship but said she would like the option of renting her house, called Xanadu, on Scenic Drive and living in the studio. She said she divides her time between a ranch in Oregon and the Carmel property.

Commissioner Brian Congleton said, "The Council determined not to establish income standards," but, he added, "The hardship element does not appear to apply here."

"The ordinance was designed to encourage registration of subordinate units,

old and new," said Commissioner Jack Kennedy. "I think the request is reasonable. I recommend approval...this is an existing unit and it is not someone who wants to sit home and not work."

But the commission voted 4-1, with one member absent, to deny the request. Vice Chairman Stephen Poohar said his understanding of hardship was "where there is an infirm or handicapped person. I don't find anything in the current ordinance that would let us approve this request."

"If you extended the situation you could have every property owner in Carmel with a subordinate unit," he said. "There are too many situations where you could take this down the line with no limits."

Ferguson said she and her late husband "could probably have bootlegged something into the studio as so many people have. I didn't think we'd be penalized for being honest. I'm a potter and a sculptor. I'd like the opportunity to work here. If Carmel is a place that appreciates artists, I expected more help from you."

She had originally made the request last November when her invalid husband, Barklay Ferguson, was still alive so his live-in nurse could use the subordinate unit.

"The Commission is bound by the laws made by the City Council," said a sympathetic Chairman Carla Ramsey. "You have the right of appeal."

The Karges request was put forth by a spokesperson in his absence who said his son, Robert, "has an attention deficit deficiency. It is difficult for him to keep a job. His father would like to help the family out."

Congleton called this "a medical need, a hardship," and the vote was 5-0 for approval.



MAKING JEWELRY for Carmel High's auction is sophomore Luna Suh. Teacher Jim Agan offers his assistance. Students and teachers have contributed jewelry, woodcrafts and services to the auction which will be held at the Carmel Youth Center from 6 to 9 p.m. on March 28.

Sun photo by Carolyn Rice

Dirty Harry's Hat Among Auction Items at Carmel High Fundraiser

Clint Eastwood's hat will go up for auction at a "Hat's Off to Carmel High" event March 28. About 200 items will be up for grabs at a silent and live auction from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Carmel Youth Center.

Teri Stott, one of the event coordinators, said she had no idea if the actor, known worldwide for his "Dirty Harry" films, is donating a personal hat, one that has been used in a movie or one bought and signed especially for the occasion. "But knowing Clint, it will be something good," she said.

Another hat headed for auction will be a handpainted Panama hat with the artwork created by Carmel's mayor, Jean Grace.

Cosponsored by the Carmel Youth Center, this third annual auction raised \$24,000 for Carmel High School last year. The money is immediately put back into the school for library, sports, music and classroom needs, Stott said.

Tickets for the event are \$25 for a couple and \$15 for a single and Stott said the

organizers hope many people from the community will come.

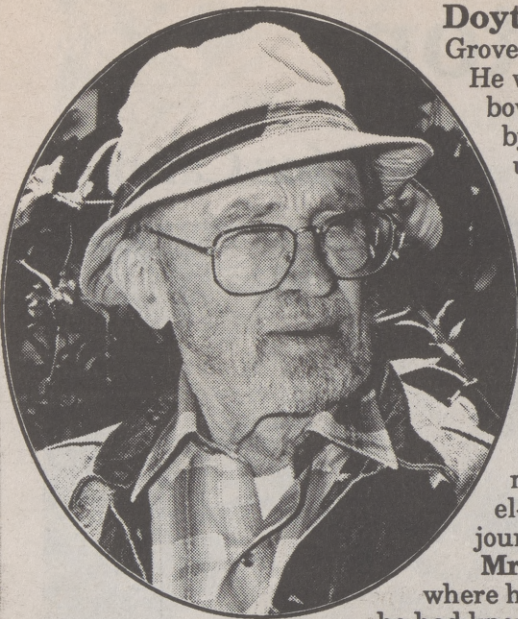
Some other items to be auctioned include a barbecue for 20 and tour of San Carlos Ranch, two United Express roundtrip tickets anywhere the airline flies (Denver, Phoenix, Portland, or Los Angeles, for example) a family tennis membership for all facilities at the Carmel Valley Racquet Club, a weekend at Stonepine Resort, a weekend for two at the Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills or at the Four Seasons Biltmore in Santa Barbara, numerous dinners at local restaurants, two season passes to Laguna Seca, and a spa suite at the Highlands Inn with dinner at Pacific's Edge Restaurant.

Carmel High teachers and students have donated a number of items including a clown/magician act for a birthday party, a table made in woodworking class, and jewelry made by students.

Peter Evans, a flamenco and classical guitarist from Big Sur, will entertain.

Happy 92nd Birthday to Carmel Valley History Society Member DOYT EARLY

Born March 20, 1900



Doyt Early was born in Columbus Grove, Ohio, the son of a dairy farmer. He was 4 when his mother died of bovine tuberculosis and was raised by a widow in Van Wert. He graduated from high school in 1918, and Ohio State University in 1925 with a degree in architecture.

Doyt had many jobs while working on his degree; draftsman for local architects, waiter and messenger. After graduation, he and his college roommate headed to California to see the coast before they settled down to make a living. They bought a model-T Ford for their cross-country journey, sightseeing along the way.

Mr. Early travelled to Los Angeles where he met a friend, now an architect, he had known in Columbus. The friend,

Ross Montgomery offered him a job working on the Santa Barbara Mission, damaged in the 1925 earthquake. Following this, he worked for the California branch of the Portland Cement Company as a structural engineer.

Moving to Sacramento he joined the firm of Coffman, Sahlberg, and Stafford. In 1929, Doyt joined the California Education Department Bureau of Schoolhouse Planning where he stayed until 1942 when he was drafted and sent to Europe until 1946. Returning to California, he worked for the Bureau until his retirement in 1960. Doyt says he has "built over 100 one room schoolhouses, all over rural California," and that "they are the backbone of the state."

Like many others, Doyt and his wife were drawn to Carmel by its climate and ambiance. In 1959, they bought a home on 6.5 acres in Carmel Valley. Doyt served on the Planning Board for the Community Center of Carmel Valley and the Upper Valley Advisory Committee. He helped with the design of the swimming pool and other changes at the Community Center and was involved in the design of the Schwarz Memorial in the center of Carmel Valley Village.

Doyt Early is one of the treasured members of The Carmel Valley History Society.

Happy Birthday Doyt!

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Padres Nine Loses Pair, But Coach Says They're Good; Open MTAL at Gonzales

The Carmel High baseball team heads into its first Mission Trail Athletic League game at Gonzales Friday with a 5-2 pre-league mark, having dropped a pair after winning five straight.

Despite the two losses, Coach Duke Quinones said, "Everyone knows we have a good ball club now. Every time we play now, we're going to see their best pitcher. It's a feather in their cap when they knock us off."

The Padres only losses this season came Friday at the hands of Watsonville, 9-5, and Tuesday night to North Monterey County, 3-2.

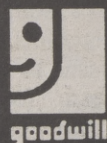
Quinones called the Watsonville game a "complete team collapse. We struggled on pitching, made a critical mistake on both ends of a double play and didn't get consistent hits."

Quinones said the game was played under lights on Friday the 13th, and he is very superstitious. "I shouldn't have gotten out of bed."

The North Monterey County contest was "a very good game," he said, but the Padres missed a chance in the bottom of the sixth when they had the bases loaded and just one out.

Quinones' team has fashioned an impressive early season record despite the loss of senior Lee Walton, who hurt his knee during the first game against Seaside.

An all league player who batted .435 during league games last year, Walton had reconstructive surgery on the knee last year, Quinones said. He was undergoing an orthoscopic procedure Wednesday, and his doctor has told him if all goes well he could be back playing ball by Monday.



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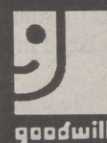
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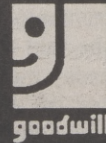
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Doctor Will Give His Land Back to the Indians

Dr. Ed Stachowiak announced Sunday he planned to write a will giving his house on a half-acre at Yankee Point south of Carmel back to the Indians. He thinks he may be the first person ever to do that.

Stachowiak, 62, invited a small group of Ohlone Indians from the Los Angeles area to his two-bedroom home at 7 Yankee Point Drive for a brief ceremony. He read aloud a hand-written document announcing his intention to give them the property in front of a large wooden sign on his fence reading "Ohlone Place." He said he would change his will in which he presently bequeaths the property to an order of nuns.

Tony Miranda, the Ohlone designated to receive the offer, stood beside the fence as Stachowiak read his statement, then offered an Indian prayer of thanks. Rosemary Cambra, executive chief of the Ohlone East Bay group, joined him in the prayer.

The doctor, who said he has no family, explained he decided to leave his land to the Indians in the belief that "this may be an example to other people to do the same thing." A native of Natrona, Pa., he said he was adapted by the Shawnee Tribe of Pennsylvania. He moved here in 1955 and bought his house about 18 years ago.

Houses in the Yankee Point area range in price from about \$400,000 to several million dollars, depending if they are on the ocean.

Stachowiak said he first got interested in the Ohlones in 1987 when Pope Paul visited Carmel amid reports that Father Serra, who founded Carmel Mission, was being considered for sainthood. Some Indian people protested such a move.

He said he has yet to work out the details of his gift. Because there is no Ohlone tribe as such, Stachowiak said he needs to find out how the will should be

worded, but probably it would be "held in trust until they decide how to do it and the government would oversee it."

After 18 years working at Ft. Ord, Stachowiak said he was getting ready to retire and might try to figure out how he could deed his property to the Ohlone while he continued to use it during his lifetime. He said his present will leaves the land to the Blessed Sacrament Sisters in Southern California, who do a lot of work with Indians, but he is going to change it. He said he has no family.

The Ohlone name first appeared in an 1826 account about San Francisco, according to Donald T. Clark's book, *Monterey County Place Names*. Clark said the coastal area was peopled by Indians known as Costanoans who did not like the name, preferring to be known as Ohlone. Clark said "Ohlone" is a word of disputed origin: "it may have been the name of a prominent village along the San Mateo coast, or perhaps it was a Miwok word meaning 'western people.'" It is believed to mean "the people of the abalone" or "the people of the abalone area," Clark wrote.

Costanoan was used by the Spanish to describe the Indians who lived along the coast from San Francisco to Point Sur, "people of the coast."

Clark quoted sources saying there was no native name for the Costanoans since there were neither a single ethnic group nor a political entity.

Stachowiak said that since the visit of the Pope he has frequently had groups of Ohlones to his house. Under the direction of Miranda, he said they are trying to organize themselves. Miranda said he was planning to move to Carmel.

Asked what the Ohlone would do with his house, Stachowiak said he didn't know but, "My house is always open to



TONY MIRANDA ACCEPTS the offer of Dr. Ed Stachowiak who wants to give his house and land at Yankee Point back to the Indians in hopes it will inspire others to do the same.
Sun photo by Isabelle Hall

Indian artists passing through" and probably they would use it for meetings, or maybe some of them might live there.

The doctor is the founder of a volunteer group called the Mud Squad which visits youths at Monterey County Juvenile Hall.

Before he put up the sign calling his house "Ohlone Place," he called it Holiday House. It is decorated with the signs of such holidays as pumpkins, St. Patrick's

Day shamrocks, Easter baskets and Christmas decorations.

He did his medical internship at Monterey County General Hospital, worked in a hospital at Seldovia, Alaska, and spent two years in the Navy before setting up practice in Rockwood, Pa. He returned to the Monterey hospital in 1965, worked at Los Angeles County General Hospital, then joined the Fort Ord medical staff.

Water Officials Expect to End Building Moratorium by June 1

Water management district officials said Monday night the building moratorium could end by June 1—at one year, five months—provided a new well is Seaside is ready to go.

Directors voted to hold a workshop on a new ordinance April 6 and a public hearing on April 20 to authorize water connection permits, change the way water is allocated and modify the system's supply limit. At the same meetings, the board will consider a separate ordinance which declares the drought is over and ends water rationing.

Presently, the water management district controls the allocation, but under one proposed ordinance, new water from the so-called Paralta well in Seaside would be allocated to the various jurisdictions served by Cal-Am. Each jurisdiction would then have the responsibility of issuing water permits not to exceed its portion of allotted water.

The ordinance "does much to change prior practice," said David Laredo, general counsel to the water district. "In the past the water district was the gatekeeper. The individual jurisdictions will now be the gatekeeper. Projects that came on-board during the moratorium will be debited from each jurisdiction's portion," he said.

Under the ordinance, only 308 acre-feet of water will be allocated between Carmel, Del Rey Oaks, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Sand City, Seaside, Monterey County, and

the airport district.

The well is calculated to produce 1,000 acre-feet annually, but officials have said it probably could produce twice that much. Much of the "new" water has been set aside for drought reserve, public projects and system loss.

Administrative fees set by the draft ordinance are \$150 for a single family dwelling, \$250 for a multi-family dwelling of 10 units or less and \$500 for more than 10 units.

Permits for commercial connections would cost \$250, \$500, and \$750 based on projected annual water use.

Besides these fees, the ordinance would set \$750 fees for an appeal or a variation and \$125 fees for a short-term variance or for an assessment appeal.

The board also heard a consulting engineer recommend Sand City as the first choice site for a desalination plant. Charlie Daugherty of James M. Montgomery Engineers said the pipeline needed to connect a desal plant to Cal-Am could be shortened by 8 1/2 miles by using the Sand City site rather than a Marina or Moss Landing site.

He suggested the water management district build a \$34 million plant in an 18,000-square-foot existing warehouse just east of Highway 1 at Catalina and Elder Avenue capable of producing 7 million gallons of water a day.

Director Robert Franco, who is also mayor of Del Rey Oaks, questioned whether the Seaside aquifer might be impacted with this plan. Engineers told him they did not think so, but further tests will be conducted.

The water board took no action on the desalination report. It will consider an environmental impact report on

desalination next month.

On another topic, general manager Jim Cofer said he had received calls about the water being used by Cal-Am to flush sediment out of its water lines. This hasn't been done for several years due to drought, is necessary, and the district supports the flushing, Cofer said. "It is timely for them to do so."



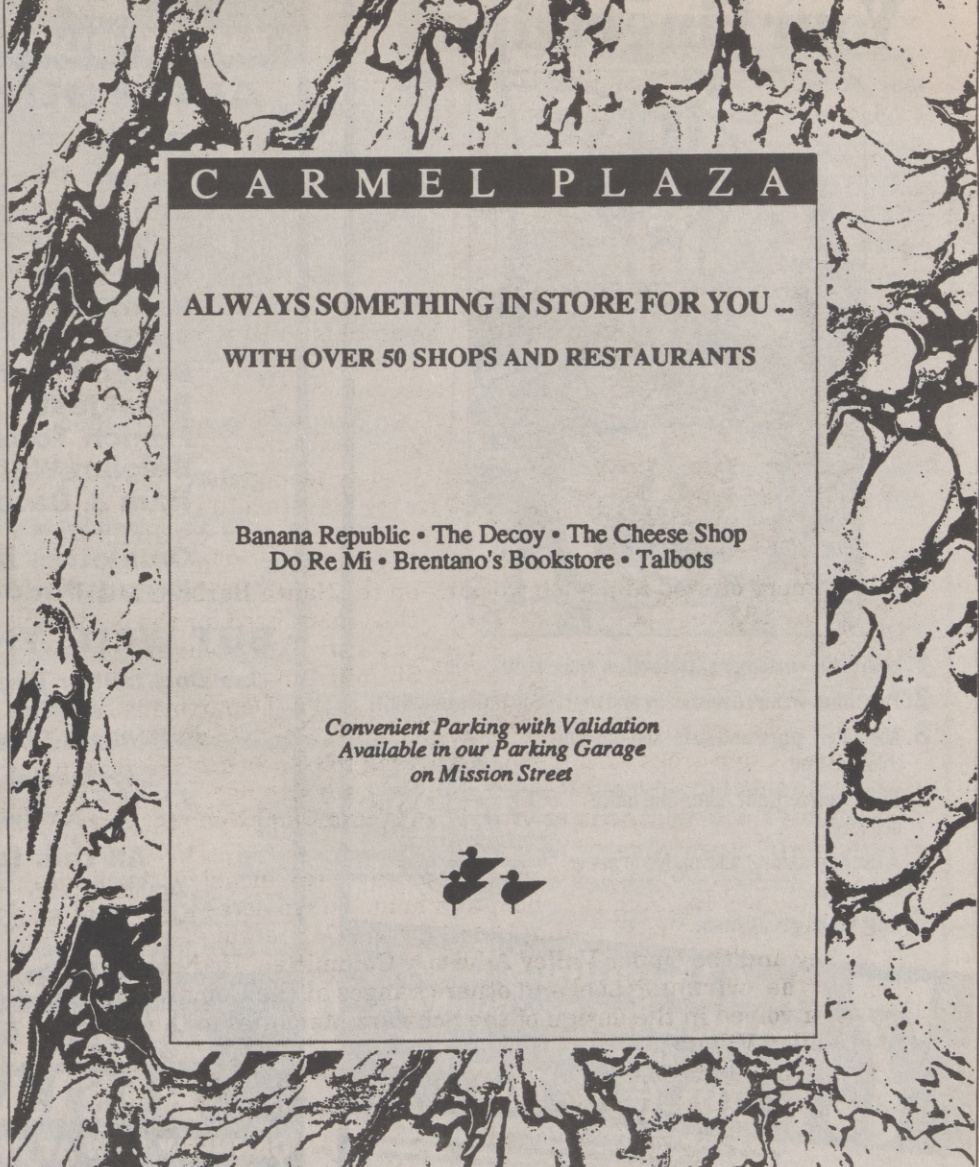
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Muffins, Mini-Parks Are Non-Issues

I would like to address two issues in the upcoming election that I think should be non-issues. I was astonished to see that two of the polling questions on the postcard survey recently conducted by (The Voice of Carmel) were about muffins and mini-parks.

Since everyone knows that in Carmel ordinances are enforced on a complaint basis, I doubt that Molly Erickson was just out looking for an infraction by employees at Mrs. Field's Cookies. There must have been a complaint, and it must have been filed by a citizen or even perhaps by another business owner. She was merely doing her job. To blow this out of proportion as though Ms. Erickson is some sort of Storm Trooper is not fair.

On the subject of mini-parks, I really cannot believe that anyone would object to the installation of a beautiful park near their property or business. The park at the southwest corner of Dolores and Ocean is full of poppies and was installed to ensure the safety of pedestrians using the crosswalk. (Several people have been hit by motorists exiting the parking space.) The park on San Carlos between 4th and 5th is between two driveways. There are two large trees in it, and it is obvious to see that the space would present a danger as a parking space due to blocking vision of motorists entering and leaving Candlelight Inn.

As for the two mini-parks in the vicinity of Lincoln and 11th, both were installed only after staff talked to neighbors and gained their approval. I doubt that anyone ever visited or moved to Carmel because of its parking spaces, but I'd be willing to wager that almost everyone enjoys the beauty of a small park or the surprise of a tree growing in the middle of the street. Only 10 parks are slated for installation in 1992, five in the downtown area and five in the residential area. In the residential area, they are installed only after staff gains approval from neighbors. In the downtown, they are being used not only to beautify, but to enhance safety wherever possible. Many upper canopy trees have been lost to development and the drought. The mini-parks are an opportunity to plant upper canopy trees and natural vegetation. When the city has more serious issues at stake, it seems silly to waste energy fighting over small potatoes or muffins or mini-parks.

Karen Ferlito
Carmel

Worried Clinton Will Take Carmel?

Too bad if many folks failed to answer that costly Calabasas poll and missed the clincher of all the questions. The pollster and I both thought Clint was worried and really wanted to know if there was as chance of Gov. Clinton capturing Carmel.

Jane Mayer

Angered by Criticism of "Voice"

Speaking as the newly appointed President of the Voice of Carmel, I would like to answer Howard Skidmore's letter of March 12. He says "someone, not known to the public, prepares the Voice's list of questions." The people who prepare the list of questions are printed on the letterhead. The Voice of Carmel consists of eight members, each of whom has input into the process of deciding the issues and designing the survey. Every effort is made to avoid loading the questions.

"Someone, not known to the public, pays the Voice's substantial printing and postage costs." Costs are paid by a wide range of donations to the Voice of Carmel. When the next survey is mailed, probably in June, a request for donations will be part of the message.

"When the cards come back, someone, not known to the public counts the yeas and nays." The first survey was counted for us by an accounting firm on whose generosity we felt reluctant to impose the next time. Hence, the second survey was counted by members of Voice. The latest survey, because of availability of manpower, was counted by one member, me.

The hint of cheating on this count (made not only by Mr. Skidmore but also by Jim Holliday of CRA) angers me. This tally took me approximately 8 hours; if Mr. Skidmore or Mr. Holliday would like to recount the ballots, in my presence, I will be happy to set aside a time and place for that event. I'm wondering if Mr. Skidmore's particular interest in the ballots is because he was unable to vote since he is not a resident of Carmel.

Mr. Skidmore suggests that citizens have the opportunity to express opinions at City Council meetings. That is absolutely true. Voice of Carmel suggests that there are many citizens out there who do not like to speak in public and do not like to sit through lengthy meetings waiting for their issue to be discussed. Case in point: The Landlord-Tenant Committee Report, seven months in the making, was received and briefly discussed at 10 p.m. one Tuesday night when I and about 15 other people were still in attendance. The information contained in that report was far too important to be given such short shrift.

Voice of Carmel is not running an election; it is conducting a public opinion survey of issues that directly affect the local citizens. Our hope was that the City Council would pay some attention to those opinions. So far that hasn't been the case. We will continue to gather information about items of local concern and try to present it in an unbiased manner for consideration. We have separated our results into voters and property owners to meet the criticism of some Council members who didn't think property owners had a right to an opinion.

There is no question in my mind that public interest groups such as Voice of Carmel, Carmel Residents Association, Friends of the Forest, etc. can co-exist peacefully in this community. I take exception to Mr. Skidmore thinking that Voice of Carmel is "meddling with the right of the people to speak where it counts—at the ballot box." On the contrary, Voice welcomes the exchange of ideas, particularly if it increases interest in the democratic process.

Pat Sippel
Carmel

Hurray for Mini-Parks

Hurray for mini-parks. The skyline of Carmel is changing dramatically. Mini-parks provide space to plant upper canopy trees to replace some of those lost to development or drought or simply old age. The few parking spaces lost are worth it. Parks enhance the shopping experience in the downtown area and provide visual relief from too many cars. It's time for Carmel to return to its love of nature and respect for its beautiful forest. 1992 has been designated as the Year of the Forest. Let's all give our support to this future-minded project that will leave a legacy of beautiful trees to be enjoyed for many generations. Mini-parks are a very "Carmel" thing to do. Gary Kelly and staff deserve thanks.

Marsha M. Zelus
Carmel

Responsible Pet Owners Needed

On March 7, my husband and I found two very young puppies abandoned near the "meadow" in the Robles Del Rio area of Carmel Valley. We put up posters, made many phone calls and with the help of the Doris Day Pet Foundation were able to find a home for each puppy.

This cruel incident emphasizes the importance of pet owners spaying or neutering their pets to control the pet population and eliminate unwanted pets.

Diane McAdams
Carmel Valley

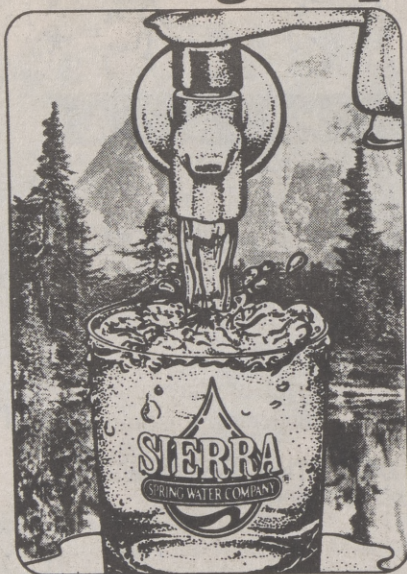
Likes Mini-Parks

With many others I would like to express my appreciation to the City of Carmel for the mini-parks recently installed. Perhaps a small grace note, but involving considerable planning and effort. They certainly add a note of class to our community.

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With a Series of Forums

CVPOA to Seek Solutions To CV Road Congestion

By Carolyn Rice

After hearing assurances that the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association (CVPOA) will seek out all points of view, County supervisors Tuesday gave the group the go ahead to hold a series of public forums on how to improve Carmel Valley Road traffic.

CVPOA President Sandy Sandstrum presented to the supervisors a plan that the group had crafted at its monthly meeting March 11. It called for the CVPOA to hold forums throughout the Valley to get public opinion on how to lift the trigger mechanism that has now been activated on Carmel Valley Road. The group also said it would seek input on related issues such as a Cañada del la Segunda road to connect Carmel Valley with Highway 68.

The forums would focus initially on road improvements and then on ways to fund them after specific projects have been identified.

Targeting a mid-July date for presenting its findings, the CVPOA suggested it would come up with one preferred alternative and possibly an alternative to handle Carmel Valley Road traffic.

"We would try to put our finger on the pulse of what people actually want done on Carmel Valley Road," said Roger Williams, who heads the CVPOA roads and trails committee.

When he presented the plan to the supervisors, Sandstrum encountered some initial opposition from Rick Smith, who represented the Carmel-Monterey Board of Realtors.

"It's a great idea to get the community involved in a solution," Smith told the board. But he questioned whether the CVPOA, which he called an advocacy group with a strong "no-growth" position, ought to serve as the "lead agency" for the forums.

Saying the CVPOA represented only about 10 to 15 percent of the Valley population, he questioned whether the group would be even-handed in its selection of information and its assessment of it.

Sandstrum assured the board that the CVPOA would not seek to exclude any opinion or constituency, but would seek "a reasonable format which would satisfy all interests."

Ileene Crane-Franks, representing the Cachagua Property Owners Association, said her group supported the CVPOA plan and would help out when forums were held in Cachagua.

Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman, who represents Carmel Valley and is chair of the board this year, finally suggested that her colleagues "take CVPOA up on its offer as long as everybody is included."

Williams proposed at the CVPOA board meeting that besides conducting the public forums, the group survey its 1,000 members so the CVPOA can lobby for its membership on the issue. The board agreed to undertake both efforts.

Alexander Henson, a member of the Carmel Valley Road Improvement Committee, told CVPOA his group had walked Carmel Valley Road to look at four-laning possibilities. The group opposes further four-laning.

"Four-laning will require them to move mountains—literally," he said. Henson said the County does not have money readily available for road improvements because Measure B tax funds, approved by a narrow majority of voters in 1989 but now tied up in a court appeal, will not be available.

Henson, an attorney, also pointed out the Carmel Valley Master Plan states if the Hatton Canyon Freeway has not been built five years after adoption of the plan in 1986, the supervisors should limit further development until it is under construction.

In a letter to supervisors, Henson said construction of a single family dwelling is not usually considered "development" and suggested any

moratorium that might be imposed because of the traffic trigger be limited to subdivisions, use permit approvals and rezonings. It should not include building permits, he argued.

He also suggested that building on existing parcels be charged a small fee not to exceed four figures, if the board believes a roadway assessment is necessary.

Crane-Franks, also a CVPOA board member, said she thought Carmel Valley road solutions "need to be argued and debated publicly."

"I'm sure it will be very difficult, but all we can do is get comments and put them all in there," Williams said. He suggested Gerald Gromko, Monterey County public works director, be invited to provide information at the forums.

The traffic trigger was pulled in December when traffic reached an unacceptable level of service on the Carmel Valley Road from Robinson Canyon to Schulte Road.

Sandstrum said he "had been following the Carmel Valley Road soap opera for the last few months. I see it slipping away from Carmel Valley residents' influence."

He described the Cañada de la Segunda road as a "long dead issue which has been raised again. The Carmel City Council wanted to study Segunda, claiming it was in their sphere of influence. Hey, let's examine Junipero as a bypass to Highway 1. I bet there would be a hue and cry that we were not in their sphere of influence," he said.

Land Trust Announces New Appointees

Charles Page, a partner in Hoge, Fenton, Jones and Appel of Monterey, has been appointed to the board of trustees of the Big Sur Land Trust, it was announced. He will work on land conservation with the help of three newly appointed advisors, Carmel Mayor Jean Grace, Dick Tourangeau and Linda Kreiger.

Reduced Fees for C.V. Road

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last year when field surveys showed that congestion on one stretch of Carmel Valley Road had caused a so-called loss of level of service. Once that happened, the plan required the supervisors either to declare a building moratorium or take steps to ease traffic, improve the road or both.

The improvements outlined by Gromko eliminated the proposed extension of four-lane road from Via Petra to Robinson Canyon, which has proven unpopular with many residents anyway.

Instead, the plan focused on less costly improvements on three specific segments of Carmel Road where the trigger has been pulled or is close to it. They include segment 3, nearly two miles from Schulte Road to Robinson Canyon Road where traffic has exceeded trigger levels; segment 6, almost three miles from Via Petra to Schulte; and segment 7, nearly two miles from Los Laureles Grade to Carmel Valley Village.

In segment 3, Gromko said the shoulders should be widened to 8 feet and left turn channelization and acceleration lanes built. On segments 6 and 7, the plan called for building passing lanes and installing an extra lane at intersections to accommodate vehicles turning left, both while waiting to turn and for acceleration after completing the turn.

The cost of these scaled down improvements would be \$16.47 million, including \$3 million to pay for general obligation bonds so that the work could be done in 1994, Gromko said.

In proposing lower fees for existing lots of record than for newly created ones, Gromko said he was following the direction of the board. Under the latest plan, market rate new lots of record would pay \$13,500 and senior housing on such lots would pay \$6,750.

The schedule for existing lots of record would be \$5,000 for a market rate single-family dwelling, \$2,500 for a seniors unit and \$5,000 for both caretaker and second units.

Saying hotel and motel units generate more traffic than single-family homes, Gromko proposed that each new visitor serving room be charged \$14,400 and new commercial space assessed at \$3,500 per 1,000 square feet.

About 30 citizens attended the hour-and-a-half hearing which ended with the supervisors putting off any action until April 21 when Strasser Kauffman said more information would be available on the issue. She said the board might act at that meeting or could delay action again.

The County has required that anyone seeking to continue with a construction project while a decision is made on what to do about the trigger must sign an affidavit promising to pay a fair share of whatever financing plan is finally adopted. The provision drew significant comment.

In response, Supervisor Barbara Shipnuck won agreement to ask the County staff to come up with a policy that would exclude remodeling projects that do not contribute to additional traffic from that requirement.

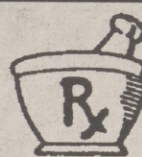
Some of the citizens commenting at the

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(1) Quickly attempt to locate the material or materials that caused the suspected poisoning. Determine the amount of material the child could have ingested.

(2) If the material is corrosive, such as drain or oven cleaner, give the child milk or water if conscious and able to drink the liquid on his or her own.

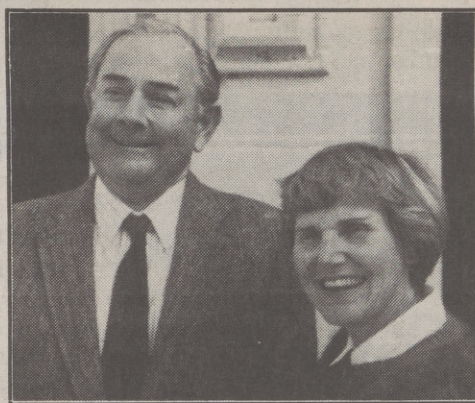
(3) If the material is in the child's eyes or on their skin, flush the area with water for about 20 minutes. If you suspect the poison is a gas, remove the child from the area.

(4) Call the area poison control center or hospital emergency room. Be prepared to provide the age, weight, and condition of the child and your phone number. Follow instructions provided carefully.

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CCGG Poses Questions on 26 Carmel Issues

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ities changing the process of interviewing employees, cutting back on excess spending "for goodies in all departments of the city," and analyzing the capital spending account. He thought some improvements were needed at Sunset but not the million dollar-plus investment proposed a couple of weeks ago by the Cultural Commission.

As to Rio Park, Laiolo said, "They should never have bought it in the first place, but one of the most practical uses would be as a corporation yard for the street department" so the city could buy such products as tar and sand in bulk and save money in the process. "I don't anticipate a problem with the people there. After all they've lived with Hodges and his manure piles for 50 years." As to mini-parks, he would "tear out the ones they've put in."

Kremer said he had "mixed feelings" about remodeling Sunset Center, adding, "There needs to be a lot of thinking about that before we impose multiple nights of parking" on the surrounding residential area.

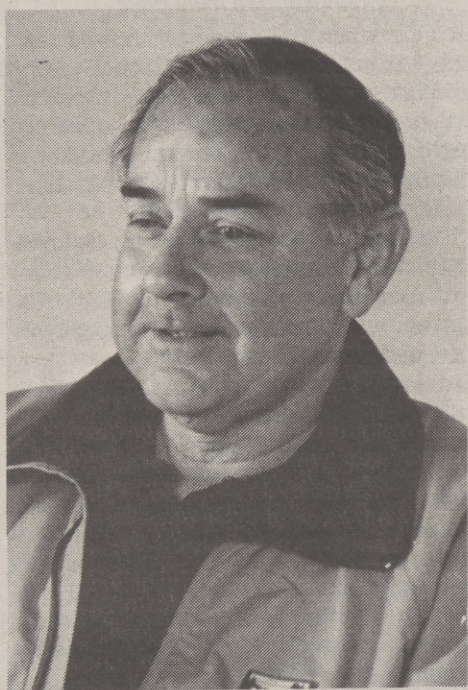
His priorities were for fixing the city's streets, better budgeting—"I'm concerned about some of the debt that's been built up in buying open space"—and more support for senior citizens.

Asked about Rio Park, Kremer said, "We've already bought that property, and if I had my druthers, I'd sell it. For \$1.7 million (the price the city paid), I could put a very fine transportation system in this town." He said he thought the parks in Carmel were under-used and disliked the "mass approach" concept of the mini-parks.

Thompson listed parks and recreation, the youth center, and cultural social grants as his three top budget priorities, saw no need for "major architectural changes" at Sunset, and said there was "not a big outcry for another softball field at Rio Park" where he saw no need for any development unless the adjacent residents wanted it.

"My No. 1 priority has to do with affordable housing," Thompson added. "Mini parks are not a big priority for me."

Asked his budget priorities, Coniglio said, "Definitely not \$800 chairs for the police department or city council, or \$47,000 for a new shed to store stuff in. Not Rio Park. Not First Murphy. Not mini parks. Fix the streets and get the facts to the public on major issues," even if it takes paid advertisements to reprint the monthly City Council packets of information.



KEN WHITE

He said the city "paid way over market value for Rio Park" and "should not sink another dime in it. It's a flood plain."

Coniglio said people who live near Sunset Center "are affected now by the noise level. They hear it right through their walls. I don't think we have the funding or the know-how to turn it into a big cultural center. It is not a priority."

All five men had trouble defining "resident oriented business," or saw no need to define the term, and all agreed that all the following businesses were "resident oriented": grocery store, delicatessen, restaurant, bar, gas station, book store, art gallery, clothing or apparel store, real estate brokerage office, antique store, jewelry store and drug store.

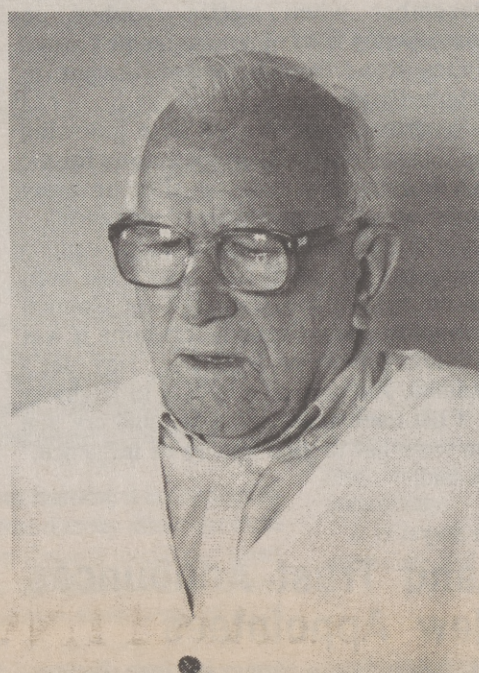
All supported reducing the present commercial zoning district from three to two as proposed by the Planning Commission but White went a step farther and said ultimately he thought there should be "no lines" defining districts. "Some day we'll move to assigning a business an impact level instead of having lines."

He said such an impact would be achieved by assigning a weight to each business based on its parking requirements, hours of business, pedestrian traffic, delivery and noise factors.

Laiolo urged limiting the number of city committees and limiting their membership



CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE Don Kremer, left, was the first of five candidates in the April 14 election to answer a list of questions posed by Bob D'Isidoro, chairman of Carmel Citizens for Good Government. Sun photo by Isabelle Hall



BARNEY LAIOLO

to residents of the one-mile square city. White said the Carmel Business Association (CBA) could do more for the city if it limited its membership to only businesses within the city borders.

Laiolo said rents in town were so high he couldn't afford to be in business today. White said, "Probably it's a greed problem."

"We desperately need to make it easier for people to start businesses and maintain a business in Carmel," Kremer suggested. He also urged implementation of the three-year study done by the Ad Hoc Parking Committee and development of incentives for business.

White said Carmel should copy Sedona, Ariz., where local residents all have a credit card which entitles them to a discount at their stores.

Thompson answered the 26 questions but interjected that "one of the issues that keeps me awake at night is affordable housing and jobs. Most people under 40 cannot afford a home here."

He said the money the city spent developing First Murphy Park would have been better spent for low income housing. He said the city should buy up commercial property and lease it to resident-serving businesses.

Only White, who supported First Murphy on the council, had a good word to say for the park created on city land formerly used for parking by Harrison Memorial Library at Lincoln and Sixth Avenue.

"It took some parking from the library," Kremer said. "It cost more than any one ever thought it would. That's a sign of the budgetary control problems we have in town."

"I was against it at the beginning and I still am," said Laiolo. "We lost 20 parking spaces at \$50 apiece. That's \$12,000 a year on a piece of land that will end up with the constant maintenance cost of another park."

"I've been against it from its conception," said Coniglio.



JOHN THOMPSON



PHIL CONIGLIO

Asked about annexation of adjacent areas to the city, Coniglio, a member of the Planning Commission, said, "I'm for whatever the residents of those areas want to do. I don't know why those residents would want to be part of this (Carmel)."

"The people in the outside areas don't want to be annexed to Carmel. We shouldn't force it down their throats," declared Laiolo. "You might as well take on Prunedale, it would cost so much to service those areas."

Only White favored the city spending \$10,000 to help finance a lawsuit against the Hatton Canyon Freeway.

"I have a problem any time someone wants to use my tax dollars to fight another government agency that's using my tax dollars to defend it," said Kremer.

Thompson said he was glad to see the city oppose the freeway but "questioned them giving money for that." He said he would rather see Carmel give money to help the Monterey County Aids Project than to pay for a lawsuit.



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Livingston Refuses to be "Graded" in Interview Fuss

By Isabelle Hall

The newly formed Carmel Citizens for Good Government (CCGG) set out to provide a different type of forum for candidates for the City Council this year. Before it was finished, one candidate refused to attend, another protested the questions and faxes were flying all over town.

The group announced it would prepare a list of questions and invite each candidate to appear separately to comment on how they felt about the issues raised. The interviews would be tape-recorded. Reporters from the *Weekly Sun* and *Pine Cone* were asked to attend.

Barbara Livingston, a candidate for the council and member of the rival Carmel

Residents Association (CRA), wrote March 12 questioning the idea of a closed interview with the press on hand as "highly unusual." She asked for clarification. She also complained that three members of the group had signed nomination papers for her opponent Don Kremer and one of them had signed nomination papers for Phil Coniglio, another Council candidate.

CCGG Chairman Bob D'Isidoro wrote back to allay her concerns, telling her she could bring her own tape recorder, that it was a small room and there wasn't room for other observers and he did not anticipate any debate.

D'Isidoro went on to explain that CCGG would "grade" the answers given in order to determine "whether we support, oppose, or take no position on a candidate's efforts to be elected. The 'report card' will be based on the issues raised by the questions, and not on the personalities or affiliations of the candidates." Both letters were dated March 12. Both were faxed to local newspapers.

On March 15, Livingston wrote declining the invitation to be "graded." She said she did so with the precedent in mind of other candidates "who, I have learned, have chosen not to be considered by the Sierra Club for endorsement in the April election."

Meanwhile, Howard Nieman and Alan Williams, two of the directors of the

group, prepared a lengthier explanation for Livingston which was sent to her over D'Isidoro's signature. D'Isidoro explained that he shouldn't have sent the initial response without consulting with the full group.

The second two-page letter told Livingston, "We earnestly hope that you will decide to share your views and positions on several topics with us..."

"The purpose of this letter is to respond more fully to the points you raised and to offer you every assurance that your participation in our candidate interview process will be on equal footing with all other candidates," it said.

Contrary to D'Isidoro's initial response, the second letter said, "CCGG will not endorse specific candidates. Instead, we will summarize the candidates' positions on each issue and make all interview transcripts available to any person or organization who would like a copy."

"We see this as the fairest, most accurate way of providing the public and the media with a well developed record on which a voter can make an informed decision."

As to her complaints about having reporters on hand, the letter said, "We assure you that CCGG is taking every step possible to ensure fairness. It is for that reason we desired participation by representatives of the *Pine Cone* and the *Sun* since we believe the press serves as a public

check and balance on the impartiality of our process."

Livingston told the *Sun* that Nieman called her house Monday morning and said he had a letter to hand deliver to her. He was told to leave it on the porch if there was no one home.

Meanwhile, she went off to her exercise class and dropped by D'Isidoro's office to hand deliver her letter declining to attend the interview sessions.

"He told me, 'I don't blame you for refusing in view of the two-page letter,'" Livingston said. "What letter?" I asked. Explaining that she went right home and wrote down everything he had said to her to the best of her recollection, Livingston quoted D'Isidoro as saying, "I thought this was going to be a PAC but it's the Voice of Carmel...I wanted my response to you to be informal and friendly but the board did not like what I said."

Livingston said Wednesday she still had not received the letter. She was about the only one involved who hadn't read it by that time.

Fellow candidate John Thompson, who participated in the interviews, took umbrage at D'Isidoro when the attorney cut him off and said, "Interview terminated" at the end of the questions, something he did with all five candidates as they appeared individually.

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White Wants CBA Exclusive—Only City Members

Mayoral candidate Ken White wants the Carmel Business Association (CBA) to restrict its membership to businesses within the borders of the one-mile square city of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

"I would feel much more comfortable if the CBA business members were Carmel only," White told the Carmel Citizens for Good Government (CCGG) which conducted separate interviews of City Council candidates Tuesday.

"I question why businesses outside Carmel are members. The CBA could do a better job for Carmel if they weren't," he said. "If you look at the CBA membership, they still don't have 85 to 90 percent. They're improving but if they had that membership, they would carry an awful lot of clout. It's really important the commercial people get behind them."

Asked to comment, CBA Executive Director Toni Jepson said, "Our membership is limited to the Carmel Postal zip codes. The people outside the city limits deserve representation."

She said the CBA also needs people outside the city such as the five-star Lodge at Pebble Beach, Quail Lodge, Highlands Inn and Carmel Valley Ranch "because they fit within the Carmel image, and financially we need their support."

Jepson said the top rated resorts "are synonymous with Carmel and also have the golf" for which the area is noted. There are no golf courses in the city.

The CBA which just completed a membership drive, has some 480 members, Jepson said, "about 345 of them in Carmel-by-the-Sea."

"We have about 54 percent of the business licenses in Carmel-by-the-Sea," Jepson added. "Nationally, you're supposed to be doing very well if you get 35 percent and anything over 50 percent is great. Of course, I'd like to have all of them."

CRA Political Forum Set for March 26

The Carmel Residents Association (CRA) will hold a public forum at the Scout House at Mission and Eighth March 26 for candidates in the April 14 City Council elections.

The group said mayoral candidates Barney Laiolo and Ken White and City Council contenders Philip Coniglio, Barbara Livingston and John Thompson all said they would attend. Council candidate Don Kremer said he would be out of town on business and could not participate.

"Each candidate will have up to ten minutes to present a statement, and then the audience will have 30 minutes to ask questions—all moderated so as to ensure fairness and equitability," said CRA President Jim Holliday in a press release announcing the event. "A representative of the League of Women Voters will moderate."

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Big Sur's Captain Cooper School Is Like a Trip



CAPTAIN COOPER kindergarten and first graders, above, share a room. Yolanda Ortega, below, teaches children who speak English as a second language.



Photostory by Carolyn Rice
A visit to the Carmel School District's "third" elementary school is like a trip back in time.

Captain Cooper is a three-room schoolhouse perched on the edge of a wilderness overlooking a broad expanse of Pacific Ocean, a place where the staff does double duty and two grades share a classroom and a teacher. Children seem drawn to the Big Sur school—a place to be with others youngsters in a remote but wildly beautiful coastland where neighbors are sometimes few and far between.

The school, which houses kindergarten through the fifth grade, is 26 miles south of Carmel on Highway 1 and then a half-mile east, toward the steeply rising Santa Lucias which overlook the Big Sur coast and hold the Ventana Wilderness of Los Padres National Forest.

Paul Behan is teacher/principal, showing that the need to do double duty extends all the way to the top at the Captain Cooper. A former teacher at Tularcitos who was promoted to head the Big Sur school two years ago, Behan teaches fourth and fifth grade.

The school, built 28 years ago, is named for Capt. John Rodgers Cooper, for whom Monterey's Cooper-Molera adobe was also named. Arriving in Monterey in 1923 as a sailing captain, Cooper subsequently assumed the name Juan Bautista Rogers Cooper and owned Big Sur's Rancho El Sur.

Over the years, as Big Sur has slowly grown, the school's enrollment has increased and currently totals 70 pupils.

"We're close to bursting at the seams," said Madeline Shannon who has worked there for 13 years.

Captain Cooper is sometimes called the district's "third" elementary school. Most residents are aware of Tularcitos in Carmel Valley Village and River, near the lagoon just south of Carmel.

But officials say it's not unusual for people to ask "where's the third one?" when they talk about the district's three elementary schools.

"A lot of people don't know about Captain Cooper, or if they do, they tend to forget about it," said one administrator.

Shannon now works under the so-called Chapter One program, a state funded reading program for children who are not at grade level in reading. Twenty percent of the school's population speak English as a second language, Shannon said, although the area is not a migrant worker area. Many of the Spanish speaking families live there year round and work at the local resorts.

"We have a real mix of families," Shannon said. They include children of resort owners and employees, state park employees, carpenters, Caltrans employees, and artists.

"We're a small school, and the staff and kids are very close," she said. The kids are "like a little family on the playground," she said. "They are very caring of each but also sometimes fight like families do."

Kindergarten/first grade teacher Paula Walling has taught at the schools for 20 years. Half of the parents of her 28 students volunteer in her classroom, she said.

"It's a place that children are drawn to," she said of the school. "They don't have the chance to play with neighbor children," she explained, so they depend on the school for a social outlet.

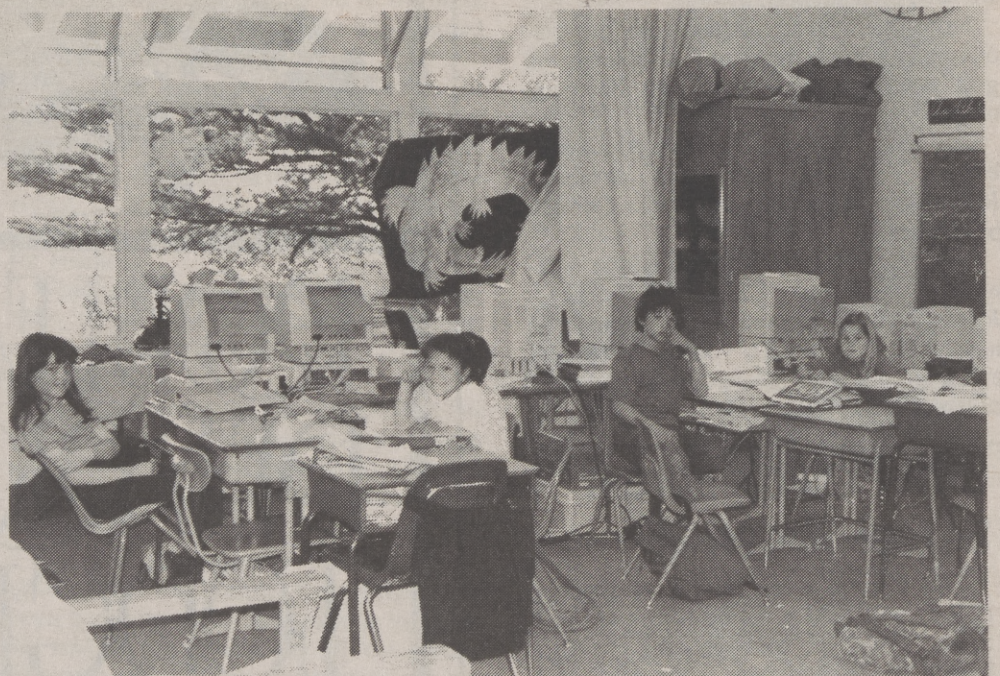
"A lot don't watch tv," Walling said because of poor reception in the area. "They're less exposed to the world."

As a result, she said she thinks the students might be a little different from other elementary students in more urban areas. Any differences, she believes, are positive ones.

As an example of how education is different at Big Sur, Walling said her class planted 100 potatoes in the school garden to harvest on St. Patrick's Day. "We'll boil them, eat them and save some to plant next year," she said. "We'll also tell potato jokes."

Behan said the school is so small that most of the staff has to be responsible for more than one job. He takes one day off from teaching his fifth graders to act as school principal.

"Everybody here has at least two titles," Behan said. The bus driver is also the custodian. The groundskeeper is also a preschool aide. The reading specialist is also special education teacher. The English



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as a second language specialist also works two hours in the kindergarten.

Melinda Douglas, who teaches the second and third graders, said "I love it down here." She has 19 students. "It's a wonderful size," said Douglas, who also previously taught at Tularcitos.

She said about the only thing she misses from Tularcitos is the split reading schedule made possible by two bus runs.

Children at Captain Cooper are served by one bus which runs from Anderson Canyon about 10 miles south of the school to Point Sur several miles north of the school. Once Big Sur students leave the elementary grades, they are bused to Carmel to attend either Middle or High school.

Behan said Captain Cooper is pretty self-sufficient and doesn't often have contact with other schools or district staff. "We're glad if somebody comes down from town," he said.

The Captain Cooper Parent Club has been very involved with the school over the years, Behan said. They've raised \$30,000 for a multi-purpose room to be added onto the north end of the school. School supporters wanted to use part volunteer and part paid labor, but local union employees appeared at a Carmel Unified School

District board meeting to ask that contracts for the construction be put out for bid.

Behan said he is hopeful the school will be able to proceed with the project. Space is at a premium throughout the school. Behan's office is located in a room which is crammed full of art and other supplies.

Behan said the multi-purpose room as planned would cost about \$250,000, but the district is looking at a 40 by 48 feet portable which would cost about half that amount.

The children who buy school lunches get them from the River Inn for the same \$2 charge paid for lunch by other children in the district. The district subsidizes the lunch, but it costs them less than it used to when they delivered lunches from the high school cafeteria, Behan said.

School parents have planned the school's annual carnival for May 9, Shannon said. "It's a big fundraiser which raises over \$10,000 for the school each year."

Some parents help out at the school every day. "We have people who come five days a week to help with yard duty," she said about eight to 10 volunteers help with that.



ONE BUS, above left, travels up and down Highway 1 from Anderson Canyon to Point Sur to pick up all the students who attend Captain Cooper. Carol Shadwell, below, teaches one day a week for Principal Paul Behan. She shares a quiet moment with Melissa Ortega in front of the school which has grown from 46 to 70 students during the past six years. Shayne Hatch, a fourth grader, and Sara Nichols, a fifth grader, weed the school's garden, above.

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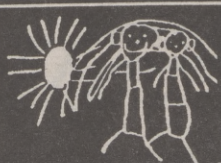
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CV's Kate McAnaney Writes Poignant Book about Special Needs Parenting

Kate McAnaney of Carmel Valley has written a personal, poignant book about what it's like to be the mother of a son afflicted with cerebral palsy, concluding that she has changed, adapted and grown in positive ways because of it.

Recalling her son, Mahlon's, premature birth, she wrote: "Now, so many years later, when I try to imagine my life without this special needs child, I'm not sure I would choose a different life. Of course, I will always wish that Mahlon didn't have cerebral palsy for his sake, but compared to this life, a 'normal' life might seem boring."

Entitled, *I Wish—Dreams and Realities of Parenting a Special Needs Child*, this little book with its striking cover by artist-designer Laurel Burch is different.

In the first two-thirds of it, McAnaney talks about her personal fears, frustrations and joys in typically page-long

Currently, she concentrates on advocacy and counseling for the United Cerebral Palsy Association and serves as a substitute teacher.

"I felt the book was needed by other parents in my situation," said McAnaney, explaining why she wrote it. "There are some excellent books that talk about what to expect, how to get connected to support agencies and how to deal with specific disabilities."

But I have focused my book on the powerful emotional responses that special needs parenting evokes regardless of the child's disability.

"I wanted to help parents acknowledge that those responses are appropriate... There's a chronic grief that goes along with special needs parenting. The grief experience never reaches a final resolution because the child's disability is always there, day after day, every day," McAnaney said.

Referring to the limitations on family activities that come with Mahlon's disability, she wrote that constantly having to make compromises is exhausting and disappointing. "But I really can't imagine being any other kind of parent."

"I think that if we weren't making compromises, we would not feel as close as we do as a family, and we would not feel the sense of accomplishment that comes from getting Mahlon's needs met and desires fulfilled."

The book was printed with a grant from United Cerebral Palsy, and McAnaney said all proceeds would be used to support its activities. The book, which sells for \$8.95, will be available in local bookstores and may also be ordered from United Cerebral Palsy Association of California, 1507 21st Street, Suite 204, Sacramento, 95814.



KATE MC ANANEY

narratives which all begin, "I Wish..." The remaining one-third of the book looks at disabilities through the eyes of adults suffering from them, using the same format.

A member of the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center board of directors, McAnaney lives in Carmel Valley Village with her husband, Pat, a well-known counselor, and her sons, Mahlon, now 14 and a freshman at Carmel High, and Michael, who attends seventh grade at Middle School.

She has a degree in human development from UC-Davis and a teaching credential.



TULARCITOS STUDENTS bought a liquidambar tree to plant with money earned from cans they have recycled. Looking on are principal Karin Camilli and school employee Lee Warner.

Sun photo by Carl Leaver

COMMUNITY CENTER CORNER

By Kate McAnaney

Spring is here! Well, maybe not officially, but judging from the flurry of growth and activity at the CV Community Center, it might as well be spring!

New classes: Due to popular demand, JAZZERCIZE with experienced instructor Sherry Cosseboom now has a class open on Saturdays. It's a lively group, so join them from 9-10:30 a.m. for some low-impact, high spirited exercise.

And some art for everyone: CREATIVE PROCESS I is an art exploration opportunity for children and adults. Instructor Janice Harvey helps students learn basic principles of color, design, and composition and gives them projects to develop their creative potential.

"This is a non-competitive atmosphere where all students can have fun with art. When you open up to your creative side, it helps you in all other aspects of life." Ms. Harvey plans to follow this class with CREATIVE PROCESS II—LIFE DRAWING, and PORTRAIT DRAWING classes.

"I want to develop an on-going group of art exploration sessions," says Harvey. Class meets: Tues. 3:15-4:15 (children) 4:15-5:45 (adults) and Saturdays 11-12 (children) 12-1:30 (adults). Children can stay through the adult session and children and parents can take the class jointly. Eight classes per session: \$50. Call Janice Harvey at 626-454.

Membership Drive: Please become a member of the CVCYC or renew your membership today. The special offer of a one-week free family swim pass for every \$25 donation only lasts until April 1. So don't be an April fool and miss out on this annual Membership Drive. Special thanks to all of you who have already responded!

Speaking of responding, thank you Carmel Valley Rotary for the recent donation of \$2,500 to build a shade trellis at the swimming pool! We've needed this for a long time and are so happy the Rotary has come forward to help. According to the group's president, Grant Morrill, CV Rotary has been in existence since 1973 and has supported Carmel Valley High School, Carmel High School, Rippling

River, Hospice and the CV Community Center with project donations.

Several years ago, the club donated money for equipment at the Tot Lot in the park. Community Service Committee member, Richard Briscoe has been working with CVCYC Director Kathleen Tarp to stay tuned in to the growing needs in the Village area. We really appreciate your interest.

"We have so many young families in Carmel Valley now that the needs are always changing, and we scramble to keep up with what we feel is our obligation to the community. It's a lot of work but we have a lot of fun doing it!" says Tarp.

Community Work Day: Saturday, March 21, come join us to do some landscaping around the pool facility! Bring wheelbarrows, shovels, and gloves. We need you!

Community Forum: Monday, March 30, Sheriff Norm Hicks will be at the Community Center at 7 p.m. to take your questions about anything of concern to CV residents. This is an open community meeting to give some feedback to the Sheriff's Department, so please come!

Mark Your Calendar:

- March 21—Community Work day
- March 30—Community Forum with Sheriff Hicks
- April 11—Pool opening day and dedication of the Porter memorial stage donated by the family of the late Frank Porter.
- April 25—Monte Carlo Night, the Youth Center's major fundraiser of the year.

Setting It Straight

In its March 12 issue, the *Sun* misspelled the last name of Bob and Norma D'Isidoro in two separate stories.

In its story in the same issue on the Planning Commission approving a use permit for Garland Park, the *Sun* said that appeals must be filed within 10 days. Planning officials said the 10-day period began once citizens received formal notice of the action, and those notices were going into the mail this week.



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Health Dominates School Board Discussion

By Carolyn Rice

Health—physical and mental—consumed much of the Carmel School Board meeting Thursday night, prompting President Hilton Bialek to declare at one point "the school is turning into a quasi-therapeutic institution."

He made the comment after listening to a lengthy report on the district's health curriculum. Bialek said he thought the school's primary function is to teach academics, adding he didn't understand how teachers could have time to teach everything in the health curriculum without cutting out other things.

"What are you not doing to put all this in?" he asked. "We can't do everything all the time."

The district's health education program starts with kindergarten and runs through high school, according to Janell Malek, district health coordinator.

Programs include drug, health and sex education courses, along with one-on-one counseling for elementary pupils and a program to help students cope with the death of a fellow student or immediate family members.

"I am a definite touchy-feely person," said board member Pat Herro, "but I do have some concerns. We repeat a lot of the information year after year." She questioned whether students need to have the information "hammered" at them.

Kay Anderson, a counselor at the high school last year who now teaches social studies at Middle School, said "kids' needs have to be met before they are teachable." She also noted that students ask different questions about the same subjects at different ages.

The board also heard a request to hire one elementary school counselor at a cost of about \$39,000 a year and a half-time school psychologist at a cost of about \$28,500 annually. The board took no action on the request by district psychologist Marvin Biasotti.

The district currently contracts for a counselor to spend half a day a week at both River and Tularcitos schools. It has two, full-time psychologists, Middle School has a counselor and Carmel High

has three who work full time.

Principal Karin Camilli of Tularcitos said her school definitely needs a counselor. "The teachers are finding that the children can't focus on academic instruction until some of their other needs or fears are taken care of," she said.

Camilli said counselors have helped children at Tularcitos after they've been involved in custody battles, have been abused or neglected, witnessed a bad accident, crime or an attempted suicide, or have suffered from childhood depression. "In addition, we have the normal childhood traumas to deal with," she said.

She said since she started her career in education in 1976, she has witnessed a trend toward schools trying to meet society's needs. When she started she said schools didn't have food programs, child care or elementary counselors.

As for the health curriculum, Principal Marie Ishida of the high school said adding a seventh period to the day has given students opportunities to include more subjects in their schedules. She noted the state mandates teaching about steroids and HIV/AIDS. The high school requires one semester of health education.

High school teacher Jeff Wright said topics he covers include drug abuse, date rape, drugs, suicide, stress management, self esteem, nutrition, heart disease and cancer.

"They've got eight zillion questions," he said of his students. "They still have fundamental questions about marijuana."

Biasotti said the school staff members who served on the drug and alcohol health advisory committee were surprised that some parents who served on the committee believe there is very little drug/alcohol education in the school. "There is a great deal," he said.

Principal Karl Pallastrini of Carmel Middle School told board members "what you're looking at is a poor man's health program." In his school he said 75 percent of seventh graders are not in a health class because it is an elective, and they are enrolled in French, Spanish or band instead. All eighth graders take a seven-week health course, he said. About

85 percent of the sixth graders take a seven-week course, also.

River School Principal Sharon Douglas said teachers at her school are concerned. "The staff has asked what are they to leave out?" she said.

Herro asked the two student representatives to the board what their reaction to health education has been. Chris Dimaggio, a high school senior, said he had enrolled in the district just for his high school years, but he did not think there is too much health education.

Mandy Little, a student at Carmel Valley High School, said, "Our classes on these subjects are more attended than academic subjects and more needed."

About the need for additional counselors, Camilli said elementary students face many types of crises in their families including deaths, divorce, adjustment to step-parents or frequent relocation moves.

At the meeting, Carmel's National Merit Scholarship finalists, Matt Sagen, David Palshaw, Dimaggio and Matt Connelly, received plaques presented by board members and a representative of Assemblyman Sam Farr.

Bialek said people frequently ask him if being an unpaid school board member isn't a thankless task. "This is our pay," he said, congratulating the finalists.

In other business, Bialek said he had met with the high school journalism class and told students they had added responsibility for the articles published in their paper since it is distributed to the community through *The Pine Cone*.

Ishida said she had received complaints about off-color content in a recent horoscope story. Also, a story about what girls like about boys and vice-versa was recently "toned down," she said.

Bialek said the students objected to being censored and questioned why they couldn't publish their own paper for distribution on the high school campus.

Bialek said the addition of Macintosh desktop publishing at the high school might make that possible next year. But Ishida said she would like to continue to see the paper distributed to the community.

Leidigs Win Approval

Glenn and Marian Leidig won Planning Commission approval March 11 to have Thinker Toys as a tenant in their building at the corner of San Carlos and Seventh Avenue.

After trying for about a year to get a tenant in the corner of the new building, the approval was quick and anticlimactic.

Alan Williams, who built the structure, said, all concerned were pleased to have the toy store which will be moved "lock, stock and barrel" from its present site at Carmel Plaza.

Jody LeTowt, who owns property across the street, said, "We're delighted. It's good for the neighborhood and good for the economy."

A request by New Masters Gallery to remodel the exterior of a building LeTowt owns on Dolores Street did not fare as well. The owners were told to come back with a new design.

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The Cal-Am water line replacement and the reclaimed water project both were on the Council agenda Monday. Both were approved unanimously.

Larry Foy, general manager of Cal-Am, said that if the Coastal Commission will give him a permit administratively, he could meet the construction window but if he has to go before the commission, it would not be until May. "There's no way we can do it in conjunction with the district."

He said the Carmel project will cost about \$1.3 million of the total \$5.8 million replacement work on lines that bring water from the Carmel River near Quail Lodge to Carmel and on to Pebble Beach. The existing 22 and 12-inch lines need to be replaced because they are 84 years old and increasingly subject to large leaks which are difficult to repair. The Carmel Fire Department reports various water main breaks in the city almost weekly.

When Cal-Am first asked for city approval of the project, it was denied by both the Carmel Planning Commission and the Council which demanded the County take the lead and request an environmental impact report.

Planning Director Diane White said the problems were solved, and "now it's properly before the Council. Encroachment by utility lines require a use permit approved by the Council, not just the Planning Commission." She said the application, which had been scheduled to be heard by the commission last week, was taken away from it because the commission



MICHAEL ZAMBORY

was too busy.

"There is some urgency to proceed with this project," White said, so the projects could be completed before Memorial Day.

The City has demanded that both Cal-Am and the District put money in escrow to pay for possible damage to any trees. When Foy complained that no sum was specified, Forester Gary Kelly explained that the city values its trees at \$27 a square inch.

Kelly said it appeared that Cal-Am "is going to do everything possible to protect the trees and it seems to be just one tree that will be involved."

"That's the tree you want removed," Foy said. "It's dead." He said it would be easier to get a bond than to put money in escrow.

Zambory said normally the district does replacement of sanitary sewer pipelines work every year in September. He said it deferred last year's scheduled work at the request of the city which wanted the project coordinated with the Cal-Am work.

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Rhododendrons are Show Stoppers

By Mark Eaton

Perhaps the ultimate show stopper in the world of gardening is a fine-looking Rhododendron in full bloom. They are truly "aristocrats of the garden." Nurseries sell hundreds of plants every spring after gardeners see them in bloom and "the fever" strikes. The majority of gardeners would never consider planting a once-blooming, old-fashioned rose and favor repeat blooming hybrid teas (even though once-blooming roses usually put on the most spectacular show).

But Rhododendrons, which average four to six weeks in bloom total per variety, command people to plunk down goodly sums of money without regard to consequence. No plant requires more careful planting procedures than a Rhododendron.

When people shop for plants they usually think in terms of "does this require sun or shade?" Though this is certainly important to the welfare of your Rhododendron, the soil conditions and planting technique are infinitely more important. If you had perfect soil conditions and kept your plant evenly moist, many Rhododendrons would actually do fine in full sun. The problem on the Monterey Peninsula is that the climate is wonderful for these shrubs but the soil is very definitely not.

Poor drainage and inconsistent watering practices are the greatest killers of Rhododendrons. They are actually fairly forgiving plants, and will even survive, although not thrive, under adverse conditions. There are, however, some things they just won't tolerate.

First: They must have a constant supply of moisture. You may occasionally see a Rhododendron that will survive without being watered, but it does so only under protest.

Second: Rhododendrons must never sit in stagnant water. Roots submerged in poorly oxygenated soil will likely die. Hot, wet conditions are more dangerous than cool, wet conditions. This is why a Rhododendron will survive here during our winter rains but would not survive in a wet spot in the southeast's heavy summer rains.

You must determine whether or not your soil has good drainage. Dig a small hole and run some water into it; if the water does not disappear in a very few minutes, you have poor drainage. This is not always a sure test, but it will give you a good indication. Large volumes of coarse peat moss, fir bark compost, or a commercially prepared Rhododendron-Azalea-Camellia mixture should be mixed in with the native soil.

In a well-drained situation, with preferably filtered sunlight or only early morning or evening direct sun, you should dig a wide but shallow hole. The depth should be just slightly more than the root ball of the plant. The width should be two to three times the actual width of the root ball. Rhododendrons are shall, surface rooters, and a deep hole is not only unnecessary but potentially harmful.

After mixing some of the backfill into the hole, make sure one-third of the root ball sits above the top of the hole. At this point an acidic mulch should be placed on



RHODODENDRONS adapt well to being grown in containers.

top of the root ball a few inches thick, sloping down toward the crown of the plant, but kept away a few inches from the actual crown.

As far as watering is concerned, it is important to keep the plant evenly moist but not excessively wet at all times during the dry months. Drip irrigation is by far the most effective technique along with being the most water-economical.

If drainage is poor and natural organic matter is low, as is the case on the many ridges and hillsides in the area, then one should build raised beds and then follow the previous planting procedure.

If none of these techniques fit into your situation, then remember that Rhododendrons also make fine container plants.

Prevention is the best form of medicine, and there is no substitute for proper planting technique in raising Rhododendrons. This group of plants is very long-lived, and should be thought of as an actual lifetime investment. Enjoy!

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Calling it "urban terrorism," the Friends of the Carmel Forest have posted a \$1,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of those responsible for vandalizing four of the City's new mini-parks.

"We are appalled at this senseless attack on two little parks which add to Carmel's famous urban forest," said Karen Ferlito, president of the group.

Two of the tiny new parks at 11th and Lincoln were damaged and plantings at 4th and Dolores and on San Carlos between 4th and 5th were driven through last week. A sign proclaiming "The Year of the Carmel Forest" was stolen from one of the parks on Lincoln.

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OUT AND ABOUT

By Isabelle Hall

It has taken a fire in our house to force me to settle myself more into living here after nearly four years.

It has forced me to look at many of the "things" we have collected in nearly 24 years of marriage and the years before then, to handle them again, to think about other times and other places.

It was a small smoke fire in a bedroom closet but what damage it caused, covering everything with a sticky, oily coating of burned chemicals. Some things were damaged beyond repair. Many still have the underlying odor despite all kinds of treatment and cleaning attempts.

We have just now—five weeks after the fact—begun to put back the pieces. We hung the black and white photograph of Marshall Kelly, Stan's grandfather, back on the wall along with a photograph that had been "colored," long before Ted Turner thought of it, of me as a five-year-old posed on a velvet bench with my older brothers the way they took pictures then.

This made me feel so good I am going to get out all the other family photographs and put them on the wall too. In our big house in Michigan, I had two huge walls full of family photographs. It is a wonderful feeling to have your family on the walls if they can't be around. You can have conversations with them, remember being with them.

My brother, Alan, and I have fought over some of the old photographs, not surprisingly really. My memories of Alan when we were kids was always of fighting. He doesn't recall it that way but then he was an important five-and-a-half years older, bigger, smarter, a boy. He also was the middle child and had to defer to Art, who was his senior by four years.

Alan used to complain that Art got everything because he was the firstborn, the oldest, the senior son, even named after my father. He thought I got everything else because I was the youngest, the only girl, and sufficiently younger that I needed to be pampered. He was probably right. I remember actually feeling badly when I got my first bicycle because it was brand new and Alan had an old one, it might even have been Art's hand-me down.

My redheaded brother was always my mother's favorite child, however. In her eyes he can do no wrong.

Today Alan's indulgent wife and children buy him brand new, gorgeous bicycles on his birthday, from time to time as he tends to wear them out. He is an avid bicyclist, riding 50 and 60 miles or more on a Sunday all over the city of Toronto. He probably knows its myriad nooks and crannies better than anyone.

When he isn't riding his bike, he walks, quickly. So did my father and Art. So do I. For some reason, the Lancasters all tend to go into overdrive and race through life. Art's ended tragically in an accident at the age of 40.

Alan and I race on. When we were in elementary school in Toronto, we both spoke so quickly that it was impeding our diction, or so the school authorities said. I was in kindergarten and Alan must have been in Grade Four at the time.

We were both assigned to a special speech class to Alan's complete disgust. To have to go to such a class in the first place was bad enough but to have to be there with your kid sister from kindergarten was just too much to tolerate.

To this day, I love to kid this huge bear of a brother of mine that at least I learned how to slow down and speak slowly enough for people to understand me. He still talks so fast, you find yourself wondering just what he did say. Actually, I am afraid I may, too, sometimes. I remember my father taking some kind of pill every day that was supposed to "slow him down."

The worst fight Alan and I ever had ended with me getting into a lot of trouble. For some reason it always seemed to end that way. And, invariably if I went to my mother for help, she would say, "Fight your own battles."

The worst fight happened one noon hour. My mother was downtown shopping, and Alan and I were left to eat lunch together when



SISTER AND BROTHER—where the Lancasters once fought, they're now fast friends.

we came home from school at mid-day. It was the day Life Magazine was delivered and he, naturally beating me home, had grabbed it. In those days Life was such a wonderful magazine that whole families fought over reading it. We were no exception.

Alan and I sat at opposite sides of the kitchen table, eating the lunch mother had left while he read Life, painfully examining each page in excruciating detail to drag out the process while I tried to look at the pages upside down. Mostly he would hold the magazine up so I couldn't even do that.

I was jumping up and down in my chair, telling him to hurry up so I could see it, too, before we had to go leave to go back to school at 1:25 p.m. (We lived precisely five minutes away.) The more I pleaded, the more slowly he turned the pages.

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Finally, he got up and to my utter disgust, instead of giving me the book, he took it upstairs and locked himself in the bathroom. He had pushed this girl too far. I was about seven, I think. I ran upstairs and banged on the door. He told me, coldly, to go away. My pleas that it was time to go back to school fell on deaf ears.

I got so mad that I kicked the door and, to my horror, my foot actually broke the molding around the door. My little saddle shoe almost went right through the door.

"Now you've done it," yelled Alan, yanking open the door to examine the damage. "You're really going to get it now."

And, I did. My parents warned me I had a terrible temper to ever do such a thing. Not a word to Alan for his miserable taunting and teasing. I wanted to hide under the bed while the door was being fixed.

It did teach me a lesson. I was so scared that maybe I did have a bad temper that I have tried ever since to keep it under control.

As we grew older, Alan and I grew closer. His friends became my friends, and we have remained close.

Never as close, however, as my father and his sister, Dorothy. He telephoned her every day and when he died, she told me a day never went by that she didn't think of him. I share her memory.

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RANCHO CANADA GOLF CLUB

Ranchers' Rights Committee Launched

By Stan Hall

With Actor Sam Elliot and a network TV crew in the crowd of around 160, Jack Swanson launched a cattlemen's rights organization Sunday to counter what the Carmel Valley cowboy artist sees as overzealous bureaucrats and environmentalists.

The initial focus of the group will be on providing financial help to Nevada rancher Wayne Hage who has been battling the federal government for 14 years. His case raises two politically potent issues—water rights and "takings," government taking property or rendering it economically not viable through regulation without paying a fair price for it.

"If we win, everybody wins," Hage told the crowd gathered in the Quail Lodge Club Room. "If we lose, all Americans lose."

Many ranch families as well as property rights advocates from Carmel Valley were on hand, but a number of those in the crowd came from other areas for the kickoff of Swanson's "The Stewards of the Range Committee."

At the session, Swanson formally unveiled a large painting he has donated to the cause. Titled "Stewards of the Range: The American Cattlemen," it will be taken on a tour of western cities until late October when it will be raffled off during the Grand National Rodeo in San Francisco. Tickets are \$100, and Swanson's paintings typically sell for \$30,000 to \$60,000.

Organizers said they hoped to sell \$50,000 worth of tickets for the painting and raise \$100,000 overall in the first year to help Hage pay his legal bills. He also is being helped by the Free Enterprise Legal Defense Fund of Boise, Idaho.

In addition to raising money, Swanson said he hoped the new group could put together a network so that cattlemen and other property owners fighting the government's taking of their property rights can draw on one another's legal research to save money.

Photographing the unveiling of the painting, which showed cattle and deer sharing a high range, was a crew from ABC-TV. With the crew was correspondent Barry Serrafin. The *Sun* was unable to learn when the story might be used.

As for Elliot, he introduced Swanson, saying that he simply wanted to lend his name to the cause because he supported it. As did many in the crowd, Elliot wore boots and jeans, and his graying hair was shoulder length in preparation for a



LISTENING TO THE LAWYERS at an organizational meeting of Stewards of the Range are actor Sam Elliot, Artist Jack Swanson and his wife, Sally, of Carmel Valley and rancher Wayne Hage, who has been battling the federal government 14 years over water and grazing rights

on his Nevada spread. About 160 people turned out for the session at Quail Lodge Sunday. Below Bud Hobbs and Bob and Betty Wilson were some of the local people who attended. Swanson donated a painting to be raffled to help Hage meet his legal bills. *Sun photos by Stan Hall*

role as Wild Bill Hickock.

A number of lawyers participating in the Hage case discussed its importance under the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution which prohibits government from taking property without just compensation. After the U. S. Forest Service denied Hage access to his water rights and long-term federal rangeland leases, Hage wrote a book, "Storm over the Rangeland," which was critical of federal range policies.

Hage said he wrote it at the suggestion of Swanson, who had become a close friend after driving up to his ranch unannounced one day and volunteering to help with branding and other work for three or four days.

One of the lawyers, suggesting the government was acting punitively because of criticism in the book, said that aspect also raised the Constitutional issues of freedom of speech and freedom of the press.

Ranchers have no problem sharing the open range with hikers and naturalists—so-called multiple use—the lawyers said. But one of them commented, "They want the range vacuumed and dusted—with no flies and no cowpies."



and no cowpies."

Swanson blamed national environmental groups such as the Sierra Club, Nature Conservancy and Audubon Society for pushing federal and state agencies into adopting policies he said threaten to undermine the cattle-based economies of many areas of the West.

Initially, he said he fully supported the environmental movement and contributed money to it.

"But it's gone too far," he said. "It's big business itself now. It needs to keep finding new issues to keep the money coming into keep the huge organizations going," he said.

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DISCOVERY—THE LIVELY ARTS

By Barbara Rose Shuler

It's always good news when the Staff Players Repertory Company announces plans to produce a play by George Bernard Shaw. Director Marcia Gambrell Hovick has a knack for staging the works of Mr. Shaw.

She and the playwright seem to suit each other splendidly. Over the years, Hovick has directed such a wide range of Shavian material that she easily qualifies as the area's specialist in production of his works. This season she brings us the popular "The Devil's Disciple."

Before discussing the production I would like to note a certain timidity regarding production of Shaw's plays locally. Theater people, audiences and critics complain from time to time that, "Shaw's too wordy, too cerebral, too long." The comments seem to imply a certain stuffiness and inaccessibility in Shaw's writing, sounding similar to reservations often expressed about Shakespeare. To these remarks I say stuff and nonsense!

George Bernard Shaw creates magnificent theater. His language is rich, musical and precise. Shaw's plots tantalize with elegant suspense and a freshness of style. He's wise, full of healthy wit and masterful turns of phrase. He's a champion of the perceptive, courageous and innocent and a brilliant revealer of hypocrisy. Shaw's characters are extraordinary and have delighted English-speaking audiences for the better part of a century.

Now, to the play at the Indoor Forest Theater in Carmel. One of my curmudgeon friends accompanied me to the show, a hard-to-please type. I noticed that when he wasn't laughing, he was smiling. A good sign. This is a chap who has low tolerance for a lot that finds its way onto our local stages. He serves as a useful barometer. If he likes a show, it's probably worth seeing.

Hovick's Shaw is at its best, of course, when she has uniformly excellent actors to work—with which she often does have. In "The Devil's Disciple," the acting abilities are more uneven than usual, ranging from inexperienced to brilliant. Although one notices the differences in skill in this production, the less polished performers keep pace well enough with the others to insure an enjoyable trip to the theater.

Louise Nachman's Mrs. Dudgeon person-

ifies the fiercest kind of Puritan—a scowling, unpleasant woman who lives to take the joy and fun out of the life around her. Nothing seems to please her but moralistic harangues. Ironically, she spawned the notorious Richard Dudgeon, the devil's disciple, whose freewheeling attitudes and activities scandalize the god-fearing colonists. Naturally, Dick Dudgeon becomes the most engaging and delightful character of the story.

Actor Kit McKinny handles the irreverent Dudgeon with flair, though missing some refinements of characterization and performance that would make the portrayal first-rate. As an actor, he is alive and energetic with a temperament that matches Dudgeon's.

Keith Decker takes the role of Dudgeon's counterpart, the good Reverend Anderson, who ministers attentively to the colonists and loves his wife. Decker has fun with Anderson, infusing the role with a kind of robust jollity that is enjoyable to watch.

Suzanne Crain gives a fine portrayal of Judith Anderson, the reverend's wife who falls under Dudgeon's spell in the most peculiar of circumstances—as he changes places with her husband who is to be hanged.

A stunningly excellent performance occurs in Act III when Karner Benjamin takes the stage as General Burgogne. Karner is clearly one of those gems of actors who possess impressive professional skill and pop up unexpectedly in local productions. I haven't seen him before, and he is matchless in his role as the chief British redcoat who presides over the hanging proceedings.

Ellis Albee and Steve Harris are amusing as foils for Burgogne who bungle their way through the difficult business of executing their colonial rebel. Peter Hill does a nice job with Christie, the simpleton brother of Dudgeon as does Rebecca Meyer with Elise, the mistreated niece.

Charles Houghton gives a simple colonial feel to the stage in three distinct settings representing the Dudgeon house, the home of Reverend Anderson and the meeting room of the town hall.

"The Devil's Disciple" will probably keep you laughing and smiling, too. It's the wit and wisdom of GBS at its best and a lively production by the Staff Players of Carmel.



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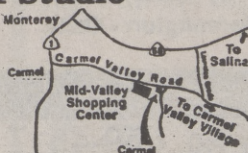
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Prince's Camp Had Poetry and Outdoorsmen

Recently the Carmel Valley History Society was loaned a fascinating ledger and photo album by Don Prince, descendant of Sam Prince, founder of Prince's Haven, also called Prince's Camp.

The worn old ledger, whose first page begins with an entry for July 4, 1925, tells the story of early events which took place in the beginning years of the Cachagua area's rustic cabin resort and campgrounds.

The ledger tells who helped build the first cabin, completed on that date. It lists "S.J. Prince, D.R. Prince, K.S. Prince, H.A. Prince, Rex Kinsmen, Elmer Hansen, Cope Jensen and Roy Wright." Just a few weeks later, on July 31, 1925, the first campers arrived to spend the night.

With nearby forest, streams and hiking trails, Prince's Camp was a popular haven for both hunters and fishermen. Many returned over the years, with the register listing a number of visitors from Oakland and San José. They weren't all avid outdoorsmen dedicated solely to the rugged life: several listed themselves as professors from the University of California at Berkeley and one taught at Stanford.

Besides giving us a fascinating rundown on who showed up over these early years, the ledger includes other comments, such as the river running dry Aug. 17, 1939, at 5:30 p.m. Another entry adds, "no water for pump." The next day, "Packing water from upper end of pool in front of cabin. Lots of fish dying where water is drying."

The Carmel River flooded Jan. 3, 1934, "Season 26 inches, storm 8 inches rain in 36 hours," the journal noted.

One page includes a list of bucks killed, along with antler size. Another page, in perfunctory fashion, lists rattlesnakes killed on the property, by whom, and at which

location. Steelhead catches were also duly recorded.

Sam Prince was also known as a poet, and pages of his original work fill the ledger. Often the theme covers friends and Sam's affinity for the outdoor life. For example, he begins one lengthy verse with, "I do not care for the music of your cars
"Or a place where I must shiver
"But more for sunlight moon and stars
"And the music of the river!"
When his cabin burned down, he wrote, "I feel like the trail has come to the end
"I feel like a stranger in a distant town
"I feel like I've lost my only friend
"As my old home cabin just burned down."

Sam Prince died in 1945 at age 76.

Also presently on loan from Don Prince, and displayed at Rosie's Cracker Barrel is a beautifully framed, extensive collection of fishing flies, hand-fashioned by D.R. "Doug" Prince, Sam's son. The work is extremely fine, and some of the artistry is so intricate it requires a magnifying glass to fully appreciate the work.

Don Prince has also loaned the Carmel Valley History Society over 100 photos of the early days at Prince's Camp, with permission to reproduce them for our archives. It's this sort of community spirit and generosity which keeps our membership enthused about preservation of our past for the future. Our thanks to Don!

Men Gardeners Meet Tuesday

The Men's Garden Club of the Monterey Peninsula will hold its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Community Room at the Crossroads. Guest speaker will be Albert Wilson, an author, teacher and lecturer.



HUNTERS GATHERED AT PRINCE'S CAMP when the rustic cabin resort was first started in the 1920's.
Sun file photo.

Lower Trigger Fees Still Draw Fire

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session continued to express the view that everyone living in the area should contribute to the needed road improvements, not just those who now wish to build.

One of them was Joel Panzer, an employee of 20,000-acre Rancho San Carlos, a former County planner and a resident of Cachagua.

"Everybody contributes to the traffic on the road," he said, "But we're asking just a few to bear the cost of the improvements."

He added that "people move to Cachagua because it's affordable," suggesting another fee like those being discussed would make it less so.

Carl Hooper of Bestor Engineers also suggested spreading the burden. He said that

if existing single-family homes were charged \$1,000, it would allow the fee to be charged existing lots of record to be as low as \$3,600.

"If everybody who lives here now would just put \$1 in a jar every day from now until 1994, they'd have the \$1,000 to pay their fair share of the improvement costs," Hooper said.

Michael Waxer, representing Cañada Woods, a proposed Clint Eastwood development near Valley Hills Center, praised the new plan brought forward by Gromko. "There has been tremendous progress in the past few months," Waxer said. He cited "more realistic" fees and the plan to three-lane sections of the road instead of extending the four-lane.

Supervisor Sam Karas, noting that not all the additional traffic on Carmel Valley Road came from new development, said a 1988 study showed that 10 percent of the traffic using it was tourist travel. Strasser Kauffman had commented that Carmel Valley Road was becoming a third scenic drive in the area that is sought out by tourists, the others being Highway 1 and 17 Mile Drive through Pebble Beach.

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Drug Letter Sent to High School Parents

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the rounds said as many as 12 students were providing information.

Principal Marie Ishida of Carmel High said the school district was aware the letters were being sent, but she didn't know exactly how the names were obtained. But she said she did not think students were informing on their colleagues.

"I don't think that's true. You can't pay enough to get them to inform on each other," she said.

Cassera acknowledged that sending letters to parents was an unusual move. The Sheriff's Department "hasn't in recent memory sent a letter like this to parents," he said.

He explained that due to the number of students named, the department chose to send a letter rather than make personal calls on parents.

Ishida said she did not know the contents of the letter until the parents and a student who had received one came to talk to her. She said they were upset, as they thought the school had given the student's name to the Sheriff's Department. In addition to that student, another one came in alone to see her about the letter.

As to which students had received letters, Ishida said, "The kids know who they are, but I don't."

Ishida said she did not believe student behavior has changed much following the alcohol-related death of Carmel High student Robert Johnston in a car wreck last October or the press coverage the school has had about student drug and alcohol use.

"What has changed is the parents and community have become aware of need to come together and find some solutions," she said.

She said those who attended a Feb. 24 health and drug advisory committee meeting at the Carmel Youth Center had a "high energy level." Since that meeting of about 150 people, she said two groups—one fo-

cused on the school and the other on the community—have met again.

"We're looking for more activities for kids," she said, noting Carmel High School will offer students a movie on a new, large projection screen for 25 cents this Friday night in the gym.

"Some things are happening, but it needs to be ongoing," she said.

Janell Malek, health coordinator for the Carmel school district, said the school committee is looking at how to have music and sports activities that include more students and not just those who excel.

She said the community group is going to develop a list of safe homes in which the parents agree to chaperone parties that are drug and alcohol free. She said the group wants to plan alcohol and drug free activities such as beach parties and wilderness trips.

A family committee which also formed after the Youth Center meeting plans to survey parents on what type of classes might be helpful to parents, Malek said.

Malek was listed in Hicks' letter as someone to call for assistance with parental or student counseling. She said she has not received any phone calls asking for such help.

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Girl Questions Letter

A 16-year-old junior girl at Carmel High School who asked not to be identified said she and her parents were upset when she received a letter stating she had used controlled substances.

"They were mad they were sent a letter that did not specify incidents," she said of her parents' reaction. "They thought it was a blanket letter with no substance."

"It was based on hearsay," she said, noting that no actual dates or occasions of use were cited in the general form letter.

"I have a girlfriend who has never done any drugs who got a letter," she said. "Her folks grounded her for two weeks."

The student said about "10, 15 or 20" kids she knew had received letters. "It was strange because some of the more high profile pot smokers did not get letters," she said.

"I don't think Carmel High kids use any more than other kids. Maybe the people in Carmel are just more honest," she said.

She declined to say whether she had or had not used any drugs, but said "no one does coke." And, she added, "There's no acid going around anymore."

But marijuana is easy to come by, she said and "costs \$50 for an 1/8." When asked what 1/8 meant, she responded, "1/8 of an ounce."

"People in each grade level are trying things," she said. "Just about everybody has tried marijuana at least once."

No one sells drugs at school that she knows of but they aren't hard to come by outside of school, she said.

And when it comes to use she said, "People don't do it at school—at least no one I hang out with. It's mainly at night and during weekends."

Livingston Refuses Interview

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ing an individual, they have a need to look into what contribution that individual has made to the community," Thompson declared. He said he had taught at Bay School, kindergarten, community colleges, "am the only candidate who's worked nursing shifts at all the hospitals," and was deeply involved in health care and environmental causes.

Thompson got madder after he left and soon after faxed a handwritten letter to the press and D'Isidoro complaining that he had received a copy of the letter to Livingston before she had and, "Why am I asked to read other people's mail before they do?"

Livingston said she also heard about Thompson's letter but had not seen it.

"The 26 CCGG questions were woefully inadequate when addressing these five key issues (education, health care, housing, culture, the environment)," Thompson wrote. "There were many questions about the business district, and it is widely known that I have spoken out boldly against over-regulation of our businesses—against arbitrary city 'policies' that over-regulate the way our shops conduct their businesses. Many see my articles and talks as championing the rights of both business people and residents."

Thompson was the chief writer for businessman Paul Laub's *Freedom of Speech* newspaper which has bitterly attacked the city and many of its employees for the past year or so.

In what may be the first public attack by one candidate against another, Thompson added: "As Mr. Coniglio and Mr. Kremer have not made significant long term contributions in the five areas cited here, nor have they spoken out loud and clear about the unfair restrictions of city 'policy,' the 26 questions favored their 'pro-business' views."

He questioned if "the two candidates with the most 'right' answers" would be endorsed and his contributions ignored.

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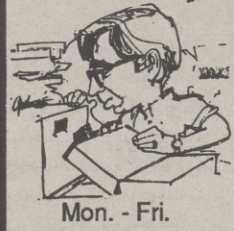


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Area Faces Loss of Paramedics As Pen-Med Cancels Contract

By Stan Hall

With one director declaring "it's terrible to be held hostage like this," the Carmel Regional Ambulance board Wednesday accepted a letter from a private company saying it was cancelling its contract to provide paramedics for emergency ambulances.

After voting unanimously to accept the letter from Brian Sinnott, owner of Peninsula Medics, the board directed Chief Gary Carmichael of Mid Valley Fire Department to explore alternative ways of staffing ambulances in Carmel, Carmel Valley and Big Sur.

Gene Erner, representing the Mid Valley Fire Department, said he felt that the ambulance authority had very few options available to it.

"I was flabbergasted when I read the letter," said Erner, a Valley real estate broker. Saying that Sinnott "had a monopoly enterprise in this case," he added that it would be difficult for Carmel Regional Ambulance to hire its own paramedics and that time was short to do anything.

Firemen in the Carmel, Carmel Valley, and the Big Sur area put the ambulance authority together in November of 1990, replacing the so-called "free" service provided by firemen trained in basic life support (BLS) with more highly trained paramedics and charging for their services. County voters had mandated the use of paramedics in a 1988 vote.

"I can see that we may have to go back to BLS," Erner told a board meeting at Mid Valley Fire Station attended by about 20 people. "It is terrible to be held hostage like this."

Asked after the 45-minute meeting if he thought Sinnott's letter was a ploy to renegotiate his contract, Chief Bill Sims of the Carmel Valley Fire Department said: "It has been done in the past in South County, and it has resulted in renegotiation."

Sinnott's firm is paid \$525,590 a year to provide paramedics to be on duty around the clock in three locations, Carmel Valley, Carmel and Big Sur.

Erner said it would be impossible for the ambulance authority to hire its paramedics directly because the cost of administering

and training them would be spread over such a small group. Sinnott's operation is much larger as he provides ambulance service in several areas of the County.

In his letter, dated March 11, Sinnott mentioned finances only in passing. He complained about the lack of a separate management structure within the fire departments in the authority to deal with emergency medical issues and difficulty in working with the authority's ambulance operating committee.

Carmichael, in briefing the board on the letter, said that the people running the ambulance authority still were mainly fire people, not emergency medical care people.

Chairman Bob Fischer, a member of the Carmel City Council, said he had met personally with Sinnott on March 12 and found some of his allegations quite serious. A retired Carmel policeman, Fischer said, "I come from a safety background, and I understand that rules and regulations must be adhered to."

But he later added that it would take \$60,000 to \$70,000 a year to hire a full-time manager to handle just the ambulances, and he didn't see how the authority could do that.

Sinnott's letter said he would stop providing paramedics June 9.

Compounding the situation for the ambulance authority is a loan payment of \$80,000 that is due the County June 1. The County provided the authority a start-up loan when it lacked funds to get underway.

Carmichael told the board, "We may have to spend that money" because of the threatened loss of paramedics from Pen-Med. Board members authorized him to discuss the situation with the County, alerting it that the payment might not be made on time.

With a big smile and to the laughter of the group, Fischer said, "They're good folks—they may even forgive it."

Erner said he had insisted from the start that the authority must be financially viable and fiscally responsible. "I'd like to see us proceed on schedule (with the loan payment) if at all possible. Recent events have put that somewhat in jeopardy," he added.

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